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Duties of an RA revealed

by Caren Monaghan '01
NEWS WRITER

Our Resident Advisors—most know who they are, but do they really know what they do? Are they simply the people to look out for during a party, or is there more to the job than that?

According to the Office of Residential Life,being an RA is hard work as it entails a number of duties and responsibilities. The RAs' tasks vary from hall to hall, but their main purpose is to "promote and initiate individual student contact, helping to ensure good relations between hall members," according to Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Director of Residential Life.

RAs not only set limits within their dorms and act as positive enforcers of rules, but they are also counselors and sources of information.

The process of becoming an RA is not a quick or easy one. Candidates must fill out an application form which includes several essays, and are then subjected to a series of interviews.

After being selected as an RA, the students prepare for their jobs with two weeks of training in the summer, long before everyone else arrives on campus. The first week of training consists of seminars about how to be effective listeners, advice-givers and leaders, and is also a time to meet with the deans, Campus Safety, and other staff members. The second week is spent with first-years during orientation—establishing good relations with their advisees, making them feel at home, answering questions, and facilitating discussions important to students new to the campus.

The salary for an RA at the College is $2750 per year which is applied to his or her room fee, covering most, but not all, of this expense. When Bryan McGrath, Area Coordinator for the Office of Residential Life, was asked if he felt this was a sufficient salary, he responded that the RA's are the "most under-appreciated, overworked, underpaid staff on campus, and although they are not appreciated well on any campus," here on the Hill they are an "amazing group of people."

Recently a concern has been

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Faith at the root of Fong's teaching

by Brenna Chiaputti '02
NEWS WRITER

"We who are called to teach do so out of the conviction that what we teach is important, that those who we teach are precious, and that the reason why we teach reaches to the very core of our place and mission in the world," writes Dean of Students, Bobby Fong.

When searching for topics for the Wednesday Fireside Chat series, College Chaplain Jeff McArn stumbled upon one article whose subject material and author struck his interest. The name was Robert Fong. Though most are familiar with Fong as Dean of Students, in his private life Fong is also an active member of the Christian community. The article "Called to Teach" stems from Fong's own experience with religion, faith and teaching.

PHOTO BY BEN MOORE '02

Bobby Fong, Dean of Students, speaks to community members gathered at lunchtime Wednesday about spirituality and its place in the classroom.

Published in a 1996 collection of articles and essays printed at Harvard University, Fong's article, "Finding God at Harvard," addresses the dual nature of teaching, as well as the intangible rewards that "call" those who do teach to engage in such a profession.

McArn chose Fong's article as a topic for the series partially to initiate conversation about the benefits of a liberal arts college. Does it provide a freedom for teachers to explore education in terms of simply transmitting knowledge, and having that knowledge affect the lives of the students who encounter it?

"I was interested in hearing how members of a liberal arts environment would react to his article," said McArn. "How much of a role do values and meaning play in the classroom. Does it vary from the sciences to the humanities?"

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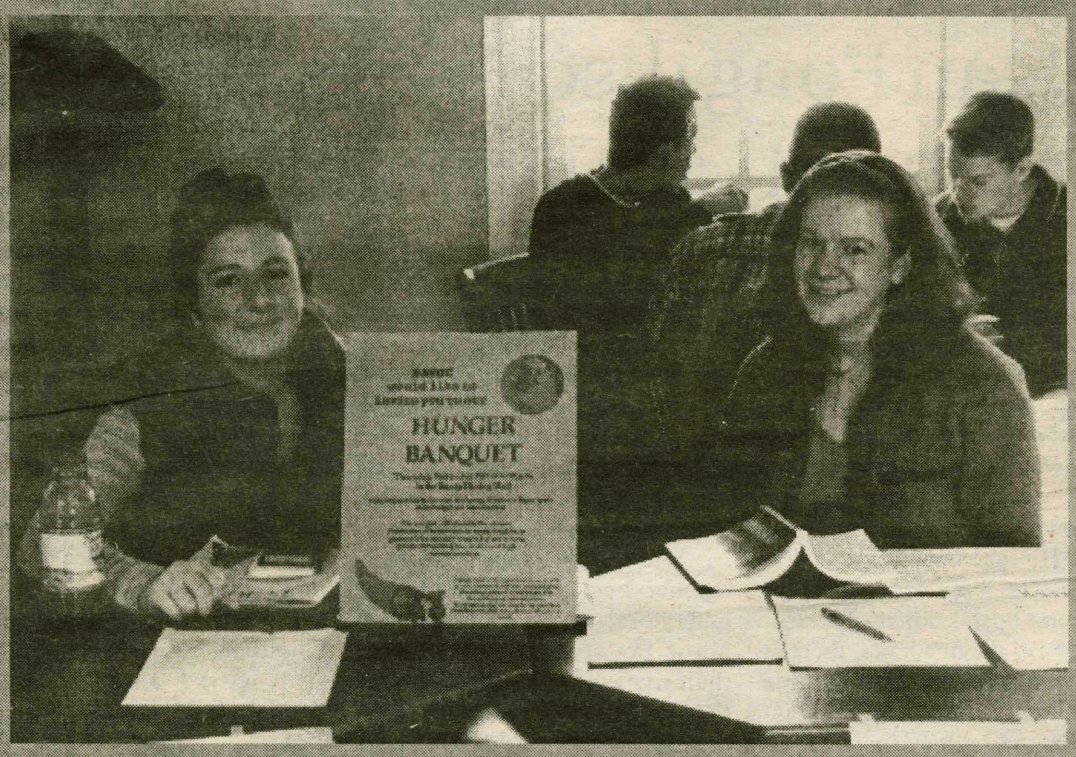

PHOTO BY BEN MOORE '02

HAVOC volunteers Amanda Daflos'00 and Sarah Rieber '01 sign people off the meal plan Wednesday in Beinecke -- almost 300 students donated meal equivalency to OXFAM, an international hunger-fighting organization.

NESCAC meeting hopes to change playoff format

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sunday, November 14, athletes, student representatives, and sports editors from eleven NESCAC schools gathered at Amherst College for the first time in history. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the April 22 decision made by the Presidents of the twelve NESCAC schools.

The most controversial aspect of that decision deals with the eligibility of any NESCAC team to go on to play in the NCAA or ECAC Tournaments. The decision reads, "We will allow only the conference champion to pursue post-season competition in one venue deemed appropriate—normally NCAA Division III."

In other words, the decision allows only one of the eleven NESCAC schools to advance to the NCAA Tournament, with no other team being eligible to advance to the ECAC Tournament. The decision has been received negatively by students, faculty, and students on each of the eleven campuses.

Delegations from Amherst, Bates, Colby, Connecticut College, Hamilton, Middlebury, Trinity, Tufts, Wesleyan and Williams began by discussing the recent restructuring of NESCAC. Bowdoin College was not represented.

Hamilton College had nine representatives at the meeting which was the largest of any NESCAC school. Hamilton Athletic Director Tom Murphy requested that Spectator sports editor Peter Ringel '01 attend the forum and select four athletes to travel to Amherst. Ringel selected athletes from four different teams: women's basketball's Liz Buckley '02, men's basketball's Jimmy McCarthy '01, men's swimmer D.J. Postles '00, and women's hockey's Meghan Stasz '01.

In addition to these five students, Hamilton also sent Student

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Faculty votes for change

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

In a first official step down the long road of curricular reform, College faculty voted Tuesday to amend the current writing-intensive requirements to a system that will promote more active participation and intense interaction.

"The faculty will require students to take two courses that have a writing emphasis in the first two years, and a third course after that," said Committee on Academic Policy chair and Associate Professor of Biology Patrick Reynolds.

Reynolds and committee member Margaret Thickstun, Professor of English, both emphasized the point that in addition to changing the writing-intensive requirement from three courses of less than twenty students in the first two years to to two courses limited to 16 and one limited to twenty, the faculty has committed itself to adding a new category of course altogether. Some small writing emphasis classes will also emphasize student-faculty and student-student interaction and active participation.

Thickstun said that the new category will "make small classes widely available in all disciplines, including disciplines like dance or art or laboratory science where 'writing' is often an add-on rather than an integral

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Resident Advisors up to the challenge

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raised that a change would be put into effect next semester resulting in less money for an RA receiving financial aid. Kantrowitz quickly dispelled that rumor, saying that this information was "not correct," and that there would be "no change next semester."

As far as the salary for RAs on financial aid, "every RA gets the $2750 room credit and every student's financial aid packet is affected differently by this."

Gloria Canale '01, an RA in Dunham, feels that her responsibilities as an RA are less like a job and "more like a relationship, like a mother or a friend." Although the time commitment is unending, as she must contribute something to it each day, she feels the job certainly has its rewards. RAs are "responsible for the living environment of their advisees and everything and anything involved with that, which is basically everything," and though Canale definitely does not believe that the salary of an RA is sufficient for all that they do, she feels that "the real reward comes from the positive feedback you see amongst those you live with."

After applying over the summer, Chris Schuster, '00, an RA in Keehn, says that the responsibilities of an RA depend a lot on which residence hall they are placed in. Although Keehn is a unique hall because of its cooperative meal plan, Schuster says she still spends about ten hours a week, on average, in her duties, which range from maintenance aspects, to weekly reports delivered to the Office of Residential Life, to "being there in case people need to talk."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Resident Advisors Gloria Canale '01, Megan Griffin '99, Rebeckah Iseman '01, Colleen Powers '01 and Jaimee Smith '99 are part of the tour de force that keeps residence halls a great place to live.

RAs must give up a few Friday and Saturday nights a semester, as four RAs must be in their rooms all night in case emergency situations arise. When asked if she though that an RA's salary was a fair one, Schuster replied that it was enough "if you can assure that the students, especially those on financial aid, actually get the full $2750."

Looking at other colleges and universities, Hamilton's salary seems about average—at Amherst College RA's are paid $1275 per year; at Bowdoin, $1750; at the University of Massachusetts, $1200; Colgate University RA's receive free room; at Tufts University they receive free room and board.

According to Peter Roche '01, RAs should not be paid more than they are now.

"It varies how involved the RA is. Some RAs are really involved and do a lot of work, and some aren't involved and don't do much at all."

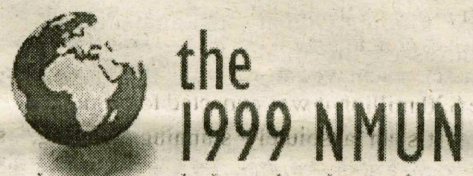
"It also depends on the dorm," said Michelle Mosbacher '01. "Some RA's spend a lot of their own time doing things for their dorm, but other dorms don't need nearly as much attention from their RA's."

UN Conference a success

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

After weeks of meetings in preparation, twelve delegates representing the nation of Bangladesh travelled to Philadelphia last weekend for a Model United Nations Conference held November 12-15.

After a seven-hour car ride, some fast food, and a complete tour of Philadelphia, their van finally made it to the Doubletree Hotel — the site of the conference—Thursday evening.



"The Model UN conference gave us a unique perspective into international issues and workings of the United Nations," said Collin Donnaruma '02.

Though delegates were constrained by parliamentary rules, brilliant speakers, and new people, in a very short amount of time they realized that this was the perfect opportunity to learn about how the UN works, make new friends, and actually feel for a moment as if they were manipulating major global decisions, according to team members.

Sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania's Model United Nations club, the conference itself was very impressive.

There were approximately 700 delegates from schools including Harvard, Yale, UC Berkeley, and the University of Ghana.

The committee meetings were for the most part very strict and well organized, although the Security Council Congo Line on Saturday night was just a bit out of the ordinary, according to Block.

The Hamilton delegation found time to have dinner out together on Saturday night, and to relax from the long day of debating to hang out at the delegate fest sponsored by the conference. It was an evening filled with conversations, dancing, and perhaps a little less diplomacy.

One jubilant Sarah Erensoy '01 said, "Model UN is a great experience, where else do you get to meet the bassist for "God Lived Underwater" and Darren Block's mom in one weekend?"

The trip was a great experience for the Hamilton students who went. Delegates got to know each other and found many common interests, including impatience with bad directions, the ability to blame one person for anything that went wrong, and the knack for having a good time while attempting to solve the world's many crisises, said members. For most, it was only too soon that they had to return to Hamilton on Sunday.

Another Model United Nations trip is planned for next semester in Montreal, sponsored by McGill University.

Dean Fong discusses the role of spirituality at a liberal arts college

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Speaking both as a Christian and a professor of English, Fong spoke of the responsibility one has to preserve the importance of past knowledge as well as to respect the pursuit of future knowledge.

He acknowledges that there is a certain division among professional scholars.

"On the one hand, there is the lure of the subject, the boundaries of which they want to extend by new insights; on the other hand, there are the students, who wait to be initiated into the knowledge that seems at times so rudimentary, " he said.

As professors, students and other members of the Community gathered to discuss Fong's article, the distinction emerged between professors who focus more on the research aspects of academia as opposed to the teaching itself. Fong described this difference as the transactional approach versus the transmittable.

"Is it more important to emphasize the existing knowledge or is it to bestow values that will shape students as individuals?" he asked.

In his article, Fong talks of this distinction in terms of a religious responsibility to learn and share the experiences of those who have lived before us.

"As a Christian and as a teacher, I believe in the mimetic and moral worth of texts that allow my students to rehearse their lives in their imaginations, to know themselves in versions of what they might have been in different times and circumstances and what they desire to be."

Fong expresses the importance of history and learning as a continual text that one must refer back to in order to extract insight into students' lives.

"Called to Teach" also addresses the issue of the motivations behind teaching. It proposes that teaching needs to again be respected for the intangible rewards it provides.

"Beyond the low pay, the long hours, the infrequent recognition, teachers need to affirm a devotion to values, intellectual and moral, inherent in the profession," Fong wrote.

In his article, Fong recalls his ten-year Harvard reunion, where he learned that few of his fellow classmates had gone into the teaching profession. He accredits this to the lack of prestige and affluence that go along with the profession.

Fong acknowledges the Christian religion as an advocate of teaching as a "spiritual vocation" rather than simply as a job.

Yet, he also adds that religion is not necessary for one to recognize the intangible rewards that teaching embodies.

When speaking of these rewards, Fong described the power of knowing that he may have in some way affected the values and character of just one of his students.

"Although we may not know specifically when or where or who, to have an idea that one student may be saying: I am the way I am because of the three weeks I spent with you is part of the legacy that is teaching."

Truth about recycling

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cost falls upon the college, a bill that can quickly add up considering the number of people contributing to waste on the hill.

With continual widespread interest on the issue of recycling on campus, students will be interested to know just how far the college has come.

HEAG ran a campaign two years ago where they collected over three hundred signatures to stop the use of fluorescent paper in the Print Shop.

"They are down to about five-hundred sheets now," says Evans of the success of the campaign.

Small steps such as these are ensuring the College an environmentally sound future and introducing students to the importance of recycling on campus and their role in the process.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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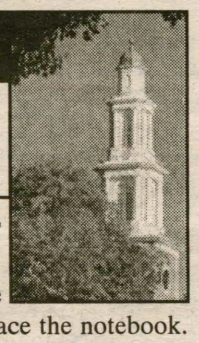

Colleges making laptops mandatory

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — By the year 2000, the computer screen may replace the notebook. Colleges and universities are drafting and passing proposals to require students to own laptop computers, making technology an even more integral part of student life. Northern Michigan University will require students to lease one of the school's laptop computers by fall 2000, said Fred Joyal, assistant for academic administration and planning at the university. He said students will pay $600 a year for an IBM laptop.

"We think in order to be a part of the 21st Century, those people involved in the telecommunications world are those who have had access to information," Joyal said.

Students should be as familiar with computers as they are with televisions and telephones, Joyal said. Many students do not purchase computers, Joyal said.

"It will enable a lot more collaboration between students and faculty," Joyal said.

Because NMU is a commuter school, Joyal said, laptops will allow students to do more work on campus instead of driving home to type.

"The difference between prices in laptops and desktops is going to be very small," Joyal said.

Michigan State University has a proposal on the table that will require entering first-year students to buy laptops. " The proposal calls for all students matriculating beginning in 2001 to have a network compatible laptop.

Study finds fall in value of Pell grants

(U-WIRE) BOSTON, Mass. — Pell grants cover about half as much of the cost of college as they did 20 years ago, according to a study released yesterday.

In the 1996-1997 school year, the average Pell grant covered 9 percent of the cost of a private four-year school. During the 1976-77 academic year, the grant covered 19 percent, according to a study conducted by the Institute for Higher Education Policy and the Education Resources.

At public schools, the average grant now covers 22 percent of the cost, compared to 39 percent 20 years ago.

The study also found that the average Pell grant is down 23 percent since 1976, while the price of college is up 49 percent. The figures adjust for inflation.

More than 3.6 million students receive federal Pell grants, which are awarded by the U.S. Department of Education based on financial need.

"Overall enrollments are up, the public is supportive and funding has modestly increased," IHEP President James Merisotis said in a written statement. "But these trends mask the fact that there is a gap of almost 30 percentage points in enrollment between low-income and high-income students."

Merisotis said increasing Pell grant funding would close the gaps.

Proposed Texas bill to ban underage sex

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — State Rep. John Longoria has a vision for the future of Texas youth, and it doesn't involve sex for those under 18.

Longoria, D-San Antonio, will propose a bill in the next legislative session that would make it a misdemeanor for underage youth to engage in sexual relations. Longoria defined sexual relations as contact that includes intercourse, oral sex and genital manipulation.

The purpose of the bill is "not to have policeman running around checking in back seats of cars," but rather to help parents with incorrigible teens, Longoria said.

"We should say 'This is behavior that we do not want you to participate in,'" Longoria said. "The idea is not to set up the Texas coital cops."

But the Texas American Civil Liberties Union opposes the plan, calling the move an example of government trying to force its will onto the general public.

"I understand [Longoria's] desire to have people conform to his sense of morality, and I understand his concern that there are too many teenage pregnancies," said Jay Jacobson, executive director of the Texas ACLU. "But this is certainly not the answer."

Sex between minors presents many problems, Longoria said, because kids are not mature enough to handle the responsibility, especially when it comes to teen pregnancies.

"We have to tell our kids what they should do and what they shouldn't," he said. "Absolutely kissing is allowed — but it depends where you're kissing."

WORLD NEWS

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Size does matter with UN statue

NEW YORK (AP) — United Nations diplomats are accustomed to arguing over national borders, chemical weapons, debt relief. This time, the debate is over an even more sensitive question: Does size matter?

There were scattered giggles in the U.N. sculpture garden Wednesday when Secretary-General Kofi Annan dedicated a statue of an elephant some found a bit too anatomically correct. The 11-foot-tall bronze, a gift to the United Nations from the governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal, was made from a cast of an actual African bull elephant. Shortly before the ceremony, workers hauled in potted plants and trees to block a side view of the animal.

Before that, early arriving viewers tittered at its 2-foot sexual organ.

"This is exactly the problem between people and wildlife," said the Bulgarian-born artist, known as Mihail. "People cannot face nature. This is how pitiful humanity is. The sheer size of this creature humbles us," he said. "As well it should, for it tells us that some things are bigger than we are."

Mihail made the cast from a tranquilized wild elephant on a Kenyan ranch in 1980. He was upset by reports that U.N. officials planned to reduce the size of the elephant's penis, although U.N. spokesman Kensaku Hogen said he was unaware of any such plans.

"This is meant to be a symbol of all wildlife, and you cannot castrate wildlife," Mihail said.

A passer-by on First Avenue agreed. "Don't cut it off!" he shouted at the crowd. "It's only natural!"

Clinton worried about trade battle

TOKYO (AP) — President Clinton offered measured praise Friday for Japan's strategy to end the nation's longest recession since World War II but said he was "quite worried" about trade battles unless Tokyo opens its markets to American-made goods.

The president also suggested that Japan might have expand its recovery programs "to jolt the economy back into growth."

Clinton, in a speech to business leaders, said the world may resort to retaliatory protection unless Japan lowers trade barriers and opens its markets. "I'm quite worried about this."

He complained in particular about a 500 percent increase of Japanese imports of hot-rolled steel into the United States. He warned that the lack of market access for American goods "will create in our country the potential for a retrenchment here in a way that will not be good for Asia or Japan or for the United States in the long run."

After Clinton's speech, Tom Foley, U.S. ambassador to Japan, told reporters, "Japan is a country that is the least likely, I think, to feel that a growth of international protectionism would help it, for I don't think there is any ikelihood of that."

Iraq, UN teams still cooperating

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. arms inspectors and their Iraqi escorts stayed out of the spotlight Thursday, their second day of monitoring since Iraq's 11th-hour backdown in the face of U.S. and British military threats.

As inspectors left their barbed-wire compound in Baghdad, they did not greet their Iraqi escorts in view of news cameras. Nor did the escorts enter the compound to meet the inspectors, as they did before the latest showdown.

"We like it this way," said an Iraqi escort waiting outside in a car.

Charles Duelfer, deputy director of the U.N. Special Commission overseeing the arms inspections, suggested the low profile was intentional.

"We're coming out of a crisis," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "We're trying to keep the temperature down as much as possible."

The official Iraqi News Agency said more than seven U.N. teams went out Thursday. Two visited nuclear sites, one a chemical site, a biological team visited a military hospital, a number of teams inspected missile sites and three teams visited monitoring camps.

"The Iraqi side provided all cooperation," INA said.

Duelfer said Thursday's inspections "went quite normally and no problems were reported."

At least seven monitoring teams visited similar types of weapons sites on Wednesday, also without a hitch, according to U.N. officials.

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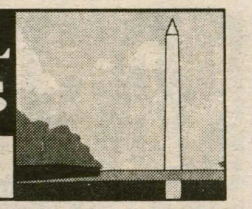

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Starr testifies in Clinton inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the climax to a historic impeachment hearing, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr heatedly defended his investigation Thursday night under insistent questioning from President Clinton's private attorney. Clinton's own conduct was scarcely mentioned.

"That is false and you know that it is false," Starr snapped at one point in the nationally televised House Judiciary Committee hearing as David Kendall accused him of prosecutorial misconduct in his dealing with Monica Lewinsky.

"I am confident that we have abided by our obligations," Starr said as his adversary pressed him at another point on leaks of grand jury material.

Kendall set the tone right from his introduction: "Let me begin with the simple but powerful truth that nothing in this overkill of investigation amounts to a justification for the impeachment of the president of the United States."

In his first 45 minutes of questioning, Kendall did not ask Starr a single question about the evidence he found in his long and costly investigation — a probe that resulted in allegations of 11 separate examples of potentially impeachable offenses.

Instead, the president's lawyer peppered Starr with questions about his own conduct, and that of the prosecutors, FBI agents and others who worked for him.

After a litany of allegations, Starr responded: "It's time for some fairness with respect to all of these charges that keep getting bandied about."

Van Gogh work brings in $71 M

NEW YORK (AP) — Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of the Artist Without Beard," which he painted in an asylum near the end of his life and gave it to his mother for her birthday, sold for more than $71 million at auction Thursday.

The 1889 self-portrait, believed to be the last ever completed by the troubled artist, brought the second highest price ever paid for a work by van Gogh and the third highest price ever achieved at auction. The price was more than triple the $20 million it was expected to bring.

"It's an absolutely stunning painting," said Andree Corroon, a spokeswoman for Christie's auction house. "He was very upset that he couldn't make it back for (his mother's) 70th birthday, so he painted this painting to show her that he was in good health, which he wasn't. And he shaved his beard off to make himself look younger."

Also scheduled for sale Thursday were several well-known American Pop works by Andy Warhol. They included "Orange Marilyn," from Warhol's first Marilyn Monroe series.

The Van Gogh self-portrait, intense and haunting, was said to be one of the artist's most powerful works.

"This painting has some of the highest level of technical command and emotional and psychological characteristics of Van Gogh," said Corroon.

Juvenile violent crimes decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arrests of young people for murder dropped 16 percent last year, and juvenile arrests for all violent crimes declined for the third year in a row, Attorney General Janet Reno announced Thursday.

Citing FBI figures, Reno told her weekly news conference that 1997 saw juvenile arrests for all types of violent crime drop 4 percent from the previous year.

"Juvenile crime is not something that we have to accept as a way of life. We can bring these numbers down, and we are," Reno told her weekly news conference. "But there is still much, much more that needs to be done. ... The problem has still not been solved."

She pointed out that juvenile crime has not yet declined to the levels of 15 years ago. But she expressed hope that, with continued effort, the downward trend might "even be able to deal with the increase in the numbers" of young people — children of the baby boom generation — who will enter their crime-prone years over the next five to 10 years.

More than any attorney general since Robert F. Kennedy, Reno has traveled around the nation speaking on youth crime and calling for a balance between tougher penalties for wrongdoers and prevention programs to keep kids out of trouble and help young offenders return to society.

During the mid-1990s, Reno has had good news to report. Arrests of teen-agers for violent crimes plunged 9.2 percent in 1996, following a drop of 2.9 percent in 1995. This has been a sharp reversal from the 169 percent increase between 1984 and 1993, when the juvenile murder rate peaked.

"Many, many, many Americans deserve the credit" for the reversal, Reno said. '

SECURITY blotter

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
3:44 a.m. Fire alarm is set off in Root Residence Hall.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
12:03 a.m. Motor vehicle accident, resulting in property damage, occurred in the Field House parking lot.
10:32 p.m. Noise complaint issued from Milbank.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:17 p.m. Medical emergency reported in Babbitt.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
1:27 a.m. Medical emergency is reported in Major.

Campus recycling: It *does* happen

by Katherine Beaulier '01
NEWS WRITER

When people refer to Hamilton College they think of high academic standing and student involvement, but very rarely does recycling come to mind. What they don't know is that over the past four years the College has turned waste into profit with the development of an active recycling program.

Students are not always aware of the efforts put forth by the college to recycle its waste. A pioneer of the recycling program and president of Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG), Jeff Evans '99 began targeting this apathy towards recycling four years ago while working at the Physical Plant with Assistant Director Terry Hawkridge. Together, Evans and Hawkridge developed a waste-tight campaign against trash, which is heavily dependent on the willingness of students to participate.

"We practice point of origin recycling. In other words, everyone is responsible for their own trash," commented Terry Hawkridge.

Students are rarely able to see the recycling process in action, but all agree that recycling is important.

"If recycling containers are contaminated by juice or something that doesn't belong, or if waste isn't sorted properly, then it is trash."

Hawridge stressed this point because every load of recyclables leaving the College costs nothing,

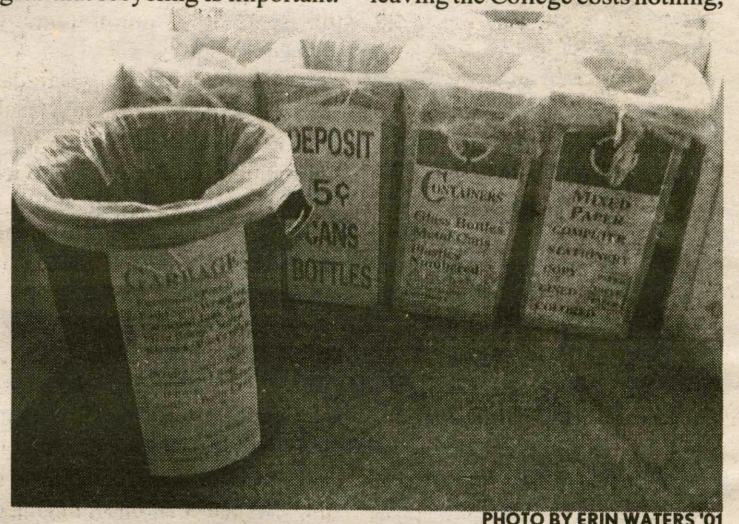

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Read those labels, kids, and save the environment!

while garbage loads cost an average of eighty-seven dollars.

"The world is full of garbage, we need to recycle it," said Lew Gleich '01.

Unbeknownst to most students, it is the initial disposal of their waste that serves as the origin of the recycling process, and therefore the most important part of the process as well. All trash collected from marked trash cans in dorms, classrooms, and cafeterias is shipped to the Oneida-Herkimer facility where it is inspected and sorted into several categories: mixed paper, plastic, glass, and non-recyclables or general waste. Clear plastic bags are used at the College so that contaminated recyclables can easily be detected before being sent to the plant.

"The recycling process is run pretty well," stated Evans about the current program, although he does point out one fault--the casual contamination of waste and recyclables by students.

However, this is only a minor problem considering the drastic improvements made in the recycling program within the last few years. Most of the current program did not exist on campus until a short time ago, and although slow to start, students are becoming more aware of recycling on campus and are willing to become involved.

"Hamilton's making an effort to recycle, which is great, but students still need to find out more about what is going on," said Heather Larsen '01.

In fact, most students do support the cause by sorting their trash before disposing of it. However, when recycling bins are occasionally contaminated the

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part of the experience."

Although the College will expect students to enroll in just two of these writing/participation emphasis classes during their first two years, Thickstun and Reynolds noted that the faculty has committed itself to offer enough of these courses, in all concentrations, so that students could reasonably expect to take four i their first two years.

Reynolds explained that the 'active participation' requirement could be manifested in the classroom situation in many different ways, and here faculty members will have varied and innovative approaches, bringing to the requirement that which they do best.

In his Invertebrate Biology class, for example, Reynolds envisions his students acting out this requirement by going out into the field and interacting with both himself and each other in order to solve problems.

"The faculty believes strongly in writing, obviously, to require two of these courses, but the active participation and interaction criteria are important to provide opportunities for students to be actively engaged in their learning," Reynolds said. "We want to make sure that there is a good chance that students will experience a learning environment that will demand of them active participation."

Reynolds doesn't think that the new requirements will translate to additional faculty hiring, as he expects that most current writing-intensive courses will be modified to writing-emphasis/active participation courses. He expects that the official catalog copy of the changes will be passed later this academic year, and the new requirements will be implemented by 2000-2001.

Student delegates discuss the future of NESCAC playoffs

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Assembly President John Fantauzzi '99, Vice President Jack Spangler '00, junior class Secretary/ Treasurer Meghan Reynolds '00, and Parliamentarian Dave Carlson '01.

The forum was originally the idea of the sports editor of the Amherst Student, Steve Vladeck '01. An outspoken critic of the NESCAC changes, he was pleased with the discussion at the forum. "I am ecstatic, it was very important that we had this first meeting and I think that it went very well," he commented after the meeting.

Vladeck, along with Amherst Student Government Association President Tom Gray, Williams College Council Co-Presidents Will Slocum '99 and Kate Ervin '99 and Williams NCAA Advocacy Group head Bert Leatherman '00 took primary responsibility in organizing the forum. The main objective of the group was to find a way to overturn the President's decision.

In addition to the rule in post-season competition, the April 22 decision also possessed other changes. One such change was to establish a "watchdog" group that would serve as an impartial body to make sure that admissions standards were equal for athletes, and would listen to complaints of impropriety. Another change was to make the NESCAC a "playing conference," meaning each team in the NESCAC would be forced to play every other team in the conference each season, with the exception of football.

"There is a Division III national playoff, but NESCAC football teams are not eligible to go to the post-season," said Hamilton head football coach Steve Frank. "Football does not participate in a 'playing conference' because if we did we would play the other nine NESCAC schools during the regular season, not only eight."

Every NESCAC school with the exception of Connecticut College has a football team, yet the Continentals only play eight regular season games. Frank stated that football coaches have long sought to get that ninth regular season game, but to no avail. Currently, Hamilton plays Amherst or Tufts in the regular season, but never both in the same year, because of the way the conference is structured.

The most obvious problem with the President's decision is that it would severely limit the chance of athletes from a NESCAC school to go to post-season play.

At Hamilton College, the new decision would be detrimental to athletes. Last year, Hamilton's men's hockey team qualified and won the ECAC Hockey Championship, the first hockey title in the school's history. Under the new rule, they would not have been eligible for the ECAC Tournament .

The men's basketball team made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament last season.

The regional was composed of St. Lawrence, Connecticut College, Williams, and Hamilton, the latter three all of whom play in the NESCAC. But only one would have been eligible to make the tournament in the first place had the President's decision already been in place.

Every vote by the NESCAC Presidents must be unanimous. Therefore even though the Presidents of some schools did not agree with the decision, they were forced to go along with the majority opinion and agree with the "unanimous" decision. The Spectator has learned from multiple reliable sources that the decision was only 6-5 in favor of the new rules. The schools voting against the April 22 decision were Hamilton, Williams, Middlebury, Tufts, and Trinity. The Presidents of the other six schools, Amherst, Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, Connecticut, and Wesleyan voted in favor of the new policy.

Becky Pollard '99, the sports editor of the Colby newspaper, relayed the rationale of Colby President Cotter, who is in favor of the April 22 decision.

She said that when she spoke with Cotter this week he said, "The risk of opening this all back up is that you might then revert to no NCAA play, which was the status quo."

That statement which reads like a threat proves that there is clearly much work to be done in convincing the Presidents that view the new decision in a favorable light to rethink their positions.

However, the feeling of student representatives leaving the forum was optimistic.

"I think there is a tremendous amount of opposition to the notion of restricting playoff participation," said Spangler. "Our challenge will be to remain unified throughout our attempt to bring about a reconsideration of this aspect of the President's decision."

The members present agreed to establish the forum as a permanent body, and decided to call it the NESCAC Student Forum.

The goal of the forum in the future will be to meet regularly in order to discuss issues pertinent to every campus.

"I thought the forum was highly successful," added Gray. "Its the first major step in reversing the April decision, and it has provided us with a visible, unified forum for the expression of our collective opinion. Speaking with one voice, our respective student governments will demand more attention and respect. I'm most excited about the formation of the NESCAC Student Forum. The type of communication this will make possible should prove invaluable."

While ITS finds ways to fight Y2K, experts are buggin' out

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

November, 1998. The world continues to wait anxiously as the year 2000 approaches. While some are ready to celebrate the coming of the new millenium, many are anxious that the strike of midnight will ultimately spell disaster for the world.

The "Year 2000 problem" or the "millenium bug" is a serious computer glitch that has the potential of causing disaster at the very moment that the year 2000 begins. The effects could be as minimal as misprinted years on certain documents or as devastating as nuclear war. The problem is found in every sector of the world where computers are used.

The millenium problem is rooted in the fact that most computers and equipment with computer chips made before the mid-90s recorded the year in two digits. The year 1980, for instance, would simply be entered as 80. This poses a problem since the year 2000 will be read by computers as the year 1900.

The original intent of only using 2 digits was to save memory space, but unfortunately the consequences far outweigh the initial benefits. Although the problem may seem to be simply a minor nuisance, its effects are far-reaching. Dates are used in computer software and electronic applications for an infinite number of tasks, making the scope of this seemingly minor numerical problem endless.

"In extreme cases, where dates are used to sort data, chaos may result," said Dave Smallen, Director of Information Technology Services. "Some systems will fail, or applications will continue to function but give wrong and misleading information."

So what practical threats may be posed on our lives? Power may go out in huge cities. Financial records and accounts could be destroyed instantly. Hospital computer equipment could be affected. Militaries may lose the ability to detect an oncoming attack with their equipment. Water flow controlled by computers could be affected. Even personal computer software, such as Excel, may be adversely affected.

One pessimistic article, "The Year 2000: Social Chaos or Social Transformation?" coined a new term for the set of events soon to come as the "millennial apocalypse." In short, the potential for a disaster is great, but there is no reason to give up all hope just yet.

The United States and other countries are conducting a billion dollar effort, in order to maximize the greatest capability of the work force to combat the potential problem. In many nations, however, the response to the year 2000 problem has occurred too late in order to make the proper changes. Economic and social effects triggered by the failing computers may cause global disaster.

"The only solution to the problem is to re-write the software and re-build the hardware that manipulates dates," Computer Science professor Mark Bailey stated.

Although at face value it seems as progress is being made, a recent 'report card' issued by California Republican Congressman Stephen Horn, judging the progress of the various federal government departments told a different story. Nearly half of the departments received a D or F, and Horn's office estimates that only 10 of 24 will finish conversions before the ball drops. The Social Security Administration has handled the problem excellently and will be fully prepared, according to the study, but the Agency for International Development may not be ready until 2019.

Federal Agency	Grade
Social Security Agency	A+
National Science Fdn.	A
Dept. of Commerce	B
Treasury Department	C
Department of HUD	C
Dept. of Labor	C
Dept. of the Interior	C-
Dept. of Agriculture	D
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* selected deptartments

Even here on the Hill, aggressive measures are being taken to avoid any potential problems. In fact, Hamilton has an entire website with numerous links and a complete discussion of the project. According to Smallen, the areas concerned are central business systems, desktop computer systems, systems with embedded computer chips, and relationships with other organizations.

The College is dealing with the situation by conducting research (often by interns) on methods used at other agencies and colleges to avoid the bug. The actual correction of the problem may involve using a special kind of software or in certain instances actually changing a piece of hardware. The team at ITS is working hard to make sure that the College can conduct its normal businesses and that students will have uninterrupted use of computers during the 1999-2000 school year, according to Smallen.

Smallen has an optimistic prediction for Hamilton, reassuring the community that "we will likely identify all critical systems and prepare them for Year 2000 compliance". However, even Smallen admits that there is still a potential for problems.

Smallen remarked that "I think the biggest unknown is the relationships we have with other organizations in this interconnected world." Fortunately for Hamilton, "We are beginning a process of contingency planning to deal with this issue," according to Smallen.

Whether you are a student, a banker, a soldier, or a computer programmer, the enormous nature of the millenuim bug poses a great challenge to the modern spirit of human invention. Questions over whether humans have created in computers a monster, which will ultimately destroy itself, will soon be answered. The most serious inconveniences and dangers lurk in the very mechanism that humans have sought to make life easier and more convenient, the computer itself.

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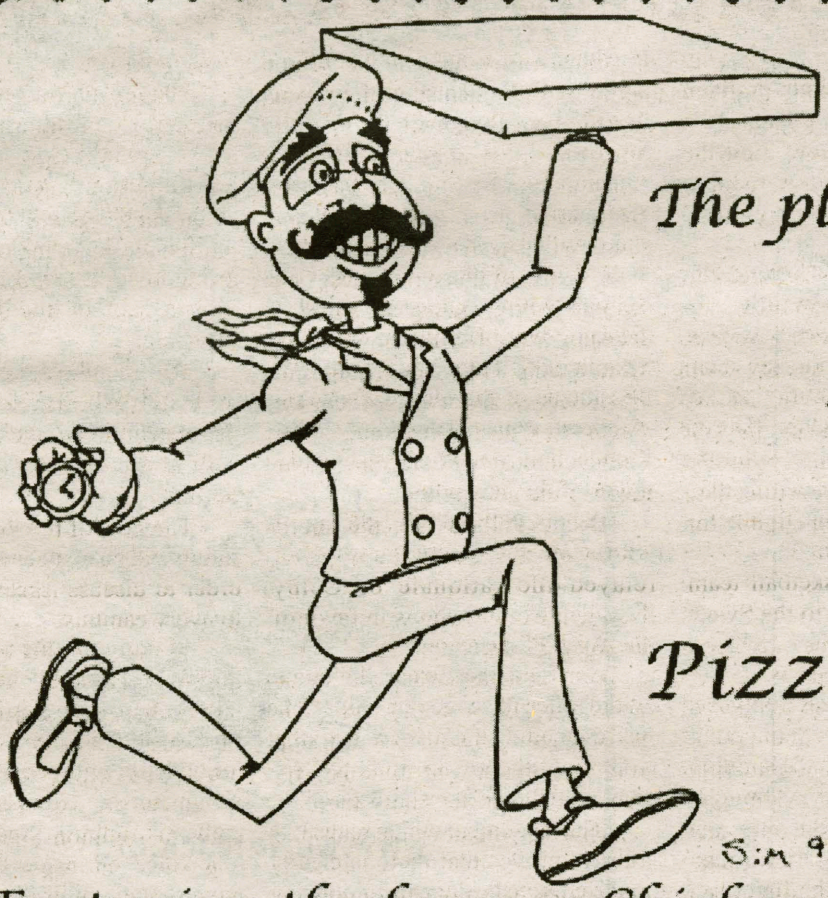

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Downtown businesses adversely affected by college policies

by Dan McAllister '99
FEATURES WRITER

Those of us on the Hill are acutely aware of the misery rendered by the Residential Life Decision of 1995. Being forced to live in dormitories for at least three years, and forced to eat in dining halls that have failed health inspections on more than one occasion, we sometimes forget that the impact of Res-Life extends beyond our small and increasingly insulated community. Many of the businesses in the village of Clinton have also felt the impact of the sweeping changes made three and a half years ago. Further, many of the non profit social service organizations in the Mohawk valley have been decimated (see Sidebar).

As more and more students have been forced out of fraternity houses and off-campus living options, many businesses in the town have seen a drastic drop in sales. Nannette Allan of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, giving some history of town-gown fiduciary relations said, "Years ago, the fraternities did all of their business down town, they got all their food down here and a large number of students were involved. That has decreased with the change in student living environment."

The Jolly Butcher has lost almost all its business

Last Saturday, I made a brief tour of area merchants to see how, if at all, they had been affected by the changes. Jim Owens, owner of the True Value Hardware store, told me, "The fraternities were our best accounts. They spent thousands of dollars down here and now they spend nothing. They were in here literally every weekend, some were in here every day. Now we only see business at the beginning of each semester" The new lack of a potential college market has also changed how True Value approaches its advertising. "The (Hamilton) Basketball and Football teams have asked us to advertise, but we just can't justify it."

My next stop brought me to the hardest hit of all stores, The Jolly Butcher. Since the Res-Life decision, this small grocer has lost over $100,000 worth of business annually, according to Bob Novak, the owner. Bob, who runs the store with his wife Corrie and son David, attributes the bulk of his loss to the closing of the fraternity houses, but the fact that all of the students have been forced to eat on the meal plan has also been a huge factor. "On a Saturday, there would be a line of ten to 15 deep" of students waiting to buy sandwiches, said Bob. "It seems like they're segregating themselves from the village now."

"Gene Tobin encourages people to come downtown and shop, but how can they?" asked Corrie, referring to the Hamilton meal plan. Bob and Corrie also described a practice of the College which has particularly outraged area business owners. They related several occasions when professors had ordered food for College sponsored events and the College later forced them to cancel the order because it violated the College's contract with Bon Appetite. Bob said he understood that, for the College, the students come first and the trustees and administrators must make decisions with them in mind and not the town, but he wondered how creating a monopoly helped the town or the students.

Even the Jolly Butcher's larger competitor has seen a significant loss of business since the spring of 1995. Mike, an employee of the Great American, said that the impact of the Res-life decision has been "unbelievable," adding, "I remember telling the manger at the time that this would hurt us. Nobody thought about it then." Besides the loss of business, Mike has seen a shift in what the students are buying. "We used to sell a lot more groceries to the kids, but now they just buy beer," he said with resignation.

One store which has not been impacted by the decision is Viddyo, located in the parking lot of the Great American. Owner John Norton said he has seen no significant change in business over the last several years. Nick Weaver, owner of Weaver's Wines and Liquors, has noticed more than a lack of business stemming from the Res-Life decision; he has seen the very fabric of the town change. "There's a coldness now," he said. "There's not as much harmony between the College and the Village anymore. This was more of a college type town when you had kids living down here. This could be a neat place to live, but it's pretty lifeless these days."

At the suggestion of Nannette Alan, I decided to look into whether or not some of the restaurants had been hurt, so I continued on to the Alexander Hamilton Inn. The dark windows and the sale sign in the front lawn answered my questions better than the owner ever could have. As I gazed at the majestic, abandoned building sitting dark and empty beneath the cold November sky, I couldn't help but wonder if the future of Clinton, New York lay before me.

A deserted downtown parking lot

In what is perhaps the most tragic effect of the Residential Life decision, many of the social service organizations of the Mohawk Valley have been literally decimated. Don Skinner, the head social worker of Big Brothers/Big Sisters said that there used to be about 20 students every year from Hamilton College who helped out on a year long basis. Now there are almost none. In particular, he cited the help of Alpha Delta Phi, who, in addition to supplying most of the Big Brothers, also threw a huge Christmas party in their house each year for all of the children in the program. "They gave those kids an opportunity they'll never have," said Mr. Skinner. The Christmas parties ended when the fraternity was forced out of its house, as there was no place to hold them.

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By Dan McAllister "99
Features Writer

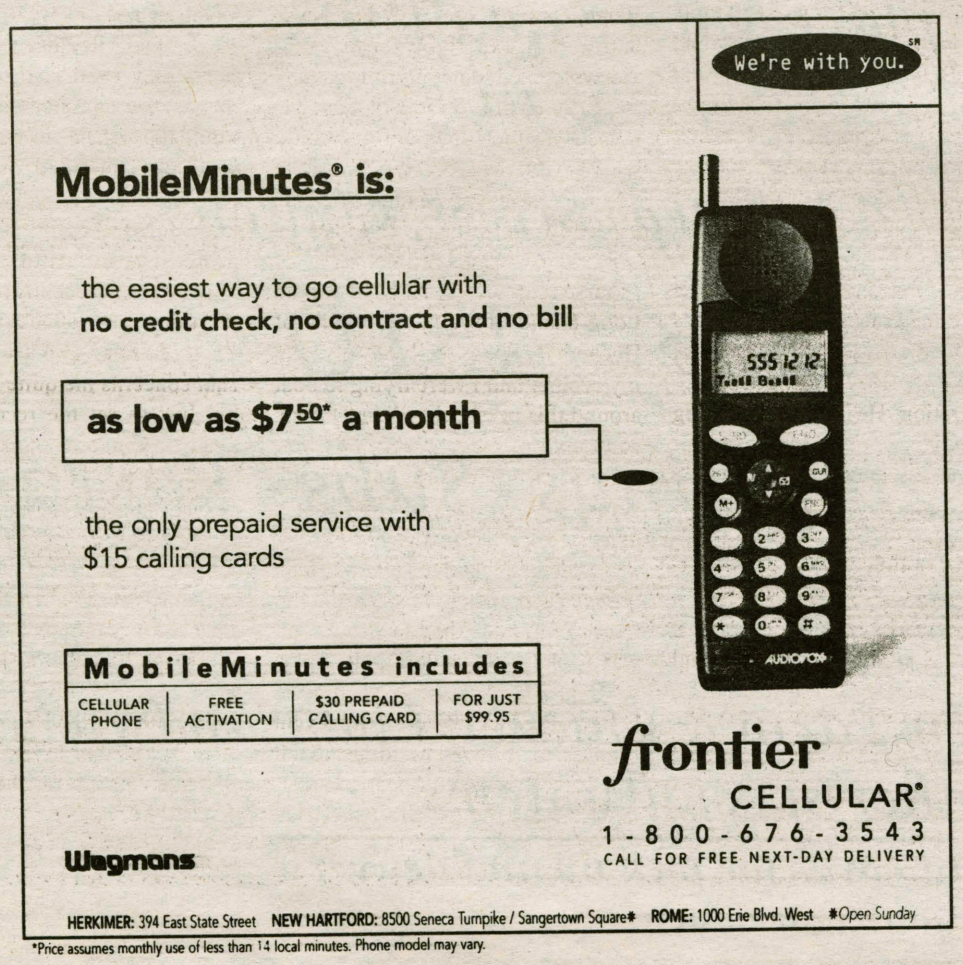
Odds that a given faculty member or administrator pictured in the "Respect Diversity" poster, which claims all those pictured in it are committed to respecting diversity, resides in Clinton: 93%

Percent of Clinton residents that are white: 98.6%

Rank of Clinton, among the 52 towns, villages and cities in Oneida county, in terms of economic diversity: 52

Percent of physical plant workers who live in Clinton: 8%

Sources: "Respect Diversity" poster, Hamilton College Telephone Directory, United States Census Bureau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Irregular Ramblings

In and out of control

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

Everyone needs to find a balance between control and freedom. If we were told when we could stay in our rooms and when we could go outside, when we could study and when we could eat, we would all go crazy. On the other side of the coin, if we were never told that we had to do anything, we would become equally insane, although the physical manifestations of that insanity would be a little different. However, this balancing act between freedom and control can lead to the pondering of ridiculously petty issues.

Should I follow every rule that applies to me, even though they contradict each other? One rule tells me that I should respect the dormitory that I live in, and not leave my trash lying around for the custodians to pick up. However, the rule of one of my classes decrees that I should spend five to six hours every night doing my homework, and shouldn't waste my time thinking about any trivial real world matters like cleanliness. Then there's another rule against making noise after a certain hour at night, but should I obey it when I need to scream in the middle of doing those five to six hours of required reading?

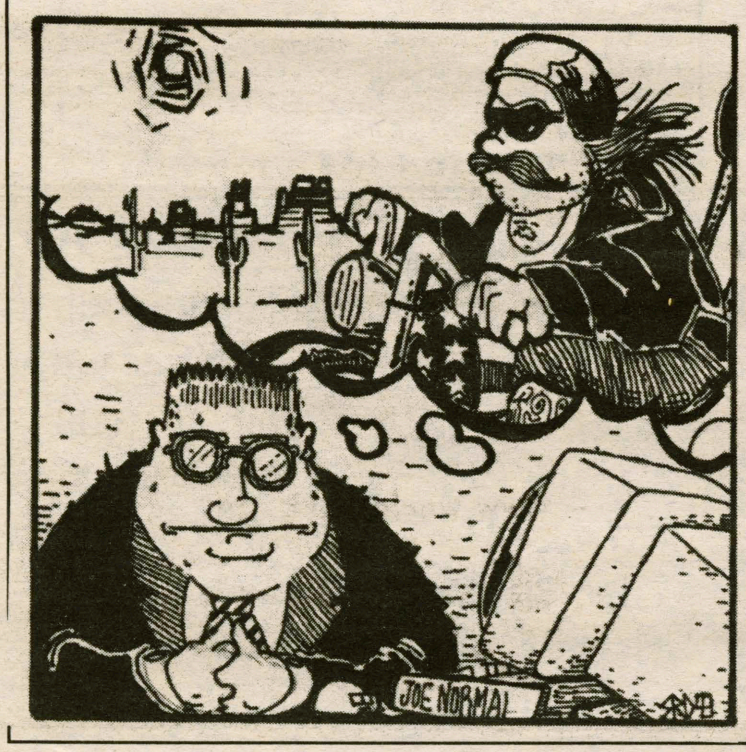
These considerations can quickly lead to the tempting conclusion that you really don't need to obey any rules at all, because there's no logic behind them. When it comes down to it, rules are only suggestions and warnings, and you're the person best qualified to decide which ones to follow at a given time and place. However, it's possible to carry this too far and make loud noise during quiet hours when you're blowing up your books, and then make a mess in your dormitory by throwing the ash from the explosion out into the hall.

Should I live according to every rule that is thrown in my face by society, and make everyone around me happy, or should I ignore all of them and make myself happy? This isn't a real choice, because following every rule won't make anyone happy with you. People who try to change things are a lot more interesting and likable than sheep in the herd. Also, doing what you feel like doing all the time won't really make you happy, because you'll be living only for immediate pleasure, and won't really accomplish anything other than making everyone your enemy.

"I don't feel like making my own food today, so I'm just going to take some that was made by someone else. I don't feel like talking to anyone, so I'm just going to communicate by bumping into people and making wild gestures at them. If they get my point, then great, but if not, who cares, I'll just take whatever I want from them."

"No, no , no. I can't even begin to tell you what's wrong with that. We need a lot more standards of conduct on this campus. If someone doesn't give you the proper salutations and greetings, you shouldn't be allowed to address their concerns. Any time a person does something for you, they should record the exact worth of your service to them, and be required to repay in some manner of equal value within one week's time or less."

These are the two voices speaking to us inside our heads all the time, and sometimes they both have good points to make, but at other times you need to tell both of them to shut up.



FACES IN THE CROWD

Chris Reamer '00

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES WRITER

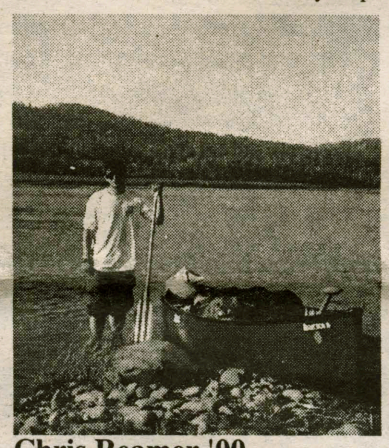
Small schools have a way of existing as their own little world, making members of the community to forget that life exists outside their borders. Although who we are and what we do for the community is infinitely important to its vitality, these things are less significant in the big, wide world beyond the Hill. Despite the fact that so many of us here tend to fall victim to this " There's- nothing-else-out- there-syndrome", one student, Chris Reamer '00, admirably succeeds at keeping things in perspective. And how does he accomplish this difficult feat? He gets off campus on the weekends. Reamer hunts, hikes, fishes, and canoes his way to renewal after the typically demanding week. Although he appreciates and occasionally enjoys the traditional social scene on the weekends, Reamer believes that his activities remind him that," Hamilton is not the whole world." He also clarifies that his decision to frequently travel off campus is not necessarily indicative of dissatisfaction with what campus has to offer, but rather that," I leave because I want to do these activities. These are my passions. If I was anywhere else, I would do the same."

Although he admits that he " hasn't been here for a full weekend since Parent's Weekend", Reamer insists that his social life is neither dominated nor hindered, by the large amount of time he devotes to his outdoor activities. He says," I am social on campus. For example, I had a great time at the Pimps and Hos party awhile ago. I also enjoy nights watching videos with friends and one-on-one conversations." Although most of the time he goes on his outdoor expeditions by himself, he does appreciate the people he has the opportunity to socialize with here. And their company does persuade him sometimes to stay on campus. He explains," If you look hard enough, there are some really great people here. A lot of them are so sincere and honest. Being able to sit down and have sincere conversations with no inhibitions is something I really appreciate more than I ever expected. I didn't find that in high school. There really are some incredible human beings here."

Since Reamer is a biology major and environmental studies minor, his passion for the outdoors clearly relates to his choice of academic concentration. He is currently taking Ecology, Physics, and Meteorology. Although he is intellectually intrigued by environmental studies, he does not mind that it is not offered as a major. He commented," It would be niceif it was an option for me, but it doesn't terribly concern me that it isn't. I do admit that Biology and Environmental Studies do relate quite well, though. "

Although his interest in the outdoors did increase once he got here because of the large availability of opportunities available for these activities, he has always been intrigued with the outdoors. He regrets that he did not participate in the Adirondack Adventure program his freshman year and recalls," I signed up one day late and so I couldn't do it." But no need for concern, for Reamer pursued other opportunities to acquire the outdoor skills he has. While in high school, he participated in both an Outward Bound a NOLS trip. He smiles as he fondly recalls memories of his NOLS adventure," For twenty-three days, I didn't see anyone but the people in my group. It was a lot of fun, and I learned so many outdoor skills."

And clearly the acquisition of those outdoor skills hasn't gone to waste. Reamer's most recent trip, an adventure just last weekend, took him to Port Bay, a part of Lake Ontario. He chose this location because," I am a big fan of the marshes, and I love the wetlands." In accordance with his typical schedule, he went to bed early on Friday night, and then woke up in the middle of the night to drive to his next adventure. He chuckles as he realizes that," I have already slept


Chris Reamer '00

and am on my way at the same time that people who are partying haven't even been to bed yet." He fondly remembers how he," Left in the middle of the night, got there around 4:30 in the morning, had a relaxing day, hunted geese, and then came home and ate it with friends." Despite the fact that some of his trips have been less desirable than others, Reamer swears that he," has never had a bad experience, because I always learned something important."

It is this optimism that has helped Reamer maintain his sanity when his trips have become dangerous and well, wet. He remembers one especially unfortunate trip that he took back in his home state of Connecticut. He explains," I was in Long Island Shore in the middle of December. It was really stormy, and my brother and I were trying to boat around this peninsula when we hit a rock. We were pretty far out there,when the engine fell into my hands.We were basically traveling in aboatwith no motor. It was dark, and it was so cold that there was slush on thesalt water, which doesn't normally happen. We just had to paddle our way back in, which definitely took a few hours. " As hard as it may be to believe, Reamer still recalls this event fondly and although he admits that it was" a really frightening experience", he adds that it was actually beneficial, because," it really lead me to have more respect for water. I understand now that everything revolves around water. I have much more respect for the power it has."

Reamer's favorite trip this year so far was to Little Tupper Lake, which is about three and a half hours from campus. He remembers," I paddled on the lake, and made up camp before dark. I froze my ass off. I really love camping alone, and watching the sunrise too. That's just the kind of stuff that I enjoy. The location was a newly acquired wilderness area that used to belong to a family. It was funny because one time I thought that I heard a car, but then I realized that it was just the wind in the trees."

And it is just that wind in the trees phenomenon that gets Reamer going. He explains," My hunting and fishing brings me closer to nature. It is so easy for us to get removed from the natural world, and it is so nice for me to be able to put myself back into it, especially back into the food chain in particular. I don't want to be a passive observer. It is cool to think about the last meal that a duck I hunt could have been from 300 or 400 miles north, because they are such migrators." Reamer further explained his theory about the power of nature and how it relates to his life when he said," I can't quite explain what it means to me, but it is a whole lot less complicated. I love the ability that it gives you to just step back. It makes you realize that if you are warm, dry, and have food and water, you will survive. It is too easy to get caught up in other things at school or in the city."

Or maybe he just likes ducks. He admits,"Ducks have always fascinated me. I also sometimes hunt partridges and pheasants, but the adaptation of ducks to their environment is cool. If you see the legs further back on a duck and it doesn't walk very well, but it dives and swims very well, then you know something important about the duck. Theyare incredible animals, and are so varied and specified."

In fact, Reamer's affinity for ducks may even lead to his career choice. He commented, "Ideally, I would like to be a biologist and work for Ducks Unlimited, or for the Fish and Wildlife Service. I would love to study ducks. I definitely want to do something relating to wetland conservation. I recently read that 95% of California's wetlands are depleted, due to draining and use of the land. That concerns me quite a bit."

Just to set the record straight, Reamer wants to make sure that everyone knows that he draws a distinction between his interest in the nature and the possibility of him being considered an environmentalist. He explains," I am not a tree hugger. I am a conservationist."

It is clear that Reamer knows who he is and what he wants to do. He appreciates all that Hamilton has to offer, but he also takes advantage of all that is accessible tc him outside of its borders. And he is comfortable with the unique endeavors and the passions that mo'ivate him.

Adler conference spawns hope for future

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

This past Saturday, the 1998 Adler Conference was held in Beinecke Student Activities Village. The Conference was a great success, with well over one hundred students, faculty and administrators in attendance. The topic this year was community, and the event itself was an excellent representation of community at its best. There was a general feeling of camraderie between all the participants, despite important differences of opinion among them.

Saturday's events began with a Key note address, given by Chip Bristol '82. Bristol's speech included many lighthearted reminiscences about his Hamilton experience, and highlighted instances in which he felt a strong sense of community on campus. Following his address, the participants separated into the various subgroups for discussion of particular topics within the subject of community. The topics were Campus Diversity, Campus Involvement/spirit, Campus Interaction / Us v. Them, Honor and Trust On-Campus, and Society Independent Relations/Stereotypes. Each group developed a list ofnm potential solutions for problems that they identified during the course of their discussions. These solutions were then presented to the entire conference for discussion. From this discussion, the facilitators developed lists of suggestions which will be compiled into a report on community at Hamilton that will be distributed to the entire campus at the beginning of next semester.

I spoke to Adler Conference co-chair Rob Singer '99 about the suggestions that were developed. "A lot of campus issues were discussed more thoroughly than they have been at any other time. We also decided that things have to become more proactive, rather than reactive. There needs to be more student input towards administrative decisions." Many people came away from the conference with a sense that communication between members of the community can be civilized and productive, but that in many instances it is not structured enough to accomplish anything.

In the specific area of Honor and Trust, it was recommended that the student body should develop a social honor code analogous to the academic honor code. The Campus Involvement committee decided that the Beinecke Activities Village needs to be made into a more effective area for students to congregate. A slogan developed by the Campus Diversity group was "Don't chalk, talk." This led to the idea that communication between various groups on campus needs to be more proactive and constructive, rather than reactive and confrontational.

I also spoke to Jen Giacominni '99, one of the facilitators for the group which discussed relations between societies and independents. "We talked about prejudice that occurs towards both society members and independents." This group also stressed the need for a student center that is actually used by all students for social purposes. Jen said that, "The only thing I was frustrated about was the ratio of society members to independents" at the conference.

Overall, the Adler Conference was viewed as a success by its participants. Co-chair Carrie Fassett '99 commented, "I think the conference overall was a huge success, thanks to the number of participants. All of the process leading up to it were successful, particularly since there was no Adler for the past couple of years. I really hope the conference will be picked up by someone next year, because it has the potential to bring about much change for the better." Singer, the other Co-chair, said, "I regret that more things like this don't occur on campus, to help people understand what community really is."

He also noted that, "I would have liked more participation from faculty members." A lack of adequate participation was mentioned by a few others as one of Adler's only downfalls. Aaron Warren '00, who was part of the Campus Diversity group, said, "It was both reaffirming and yet disappointing to find that while my group was diverse in appearance, many of us held the same views." There was a feeling among all participants that the conference was a valuable experience, but that it could only become more worthwhile as a result of increased participation on the part of all members of our campus, and hopefully that vision will become a reality in the years to come.

Smaller class requirement passed by faculty

by Lou Insel '01
FEATURES WRITER

After a year's worth of deliberation and discussion the faculty has finally passed one of the three proposals offered up for consideration in the new curriculum. The proposal, which will require students to take an as yet undetermined amount of small classes, was passed by a significant majority in Tuesday's faculty meeting.

The proposal would require students to participate in a number of new 100 and 200 level courses that would be called "college seminars" (the seminar is purely for administrative purposes and not to be confused with the proposed sophomore seminar). These courses, according to the motion just recently passed "would offer intensive interaction between students and instructors...". During the first two years students will be required to take at least two of these courses in which will place great emphasis on writing and speaking.

While there was opposition to this idea among the faculty, when the original motion was offered, a revised amendment passed by a nearly unanimous decision. Among the student body, reaction to the passage of the motion was in general highly favorable. John Berry (01) said of small classes " I learn better. There's more motivation to read, so you're able to speak". "It's a good idea because otherwise you'll do what I do and have your thoughts go elsewhere" said sophomore Gage Fritttata commenting about the difference between small and large classes. Lukas Mulvaugh also had good things to say about the requirement declaring it the start of a "positive learning environment. You're encouraged to think and reason in an intellectual manner. There's more of a professor/ student bond."

Concerning professors, many more will have to be hired in order to implement the proposal. The actual working of the small-class requirement into the curriculum will take about a year, says Pat Reynolds of the CAP. According to Reynolds, the current vision of the actual requirement will be a number of courses, all to be writing intensive, that will have a low enrollment, no more than 18 people in a section. No current student at Hamilton will be affected by the new requirement, which will be ironed out next year and probably not will not fully be put into effect until two years from now.

But until then the idea is on the minds of a number of students. An almost overwhelmingly positive mood accompanied this small class proposal, although there still is a lingering feeling of discontent among a faction of skeptical students . "I don't see why it's a requirement" says Caly Finnegan, who echoes the sentiment of some students who wonder what sort of message this sends, and what sort of attitude it will inspire.

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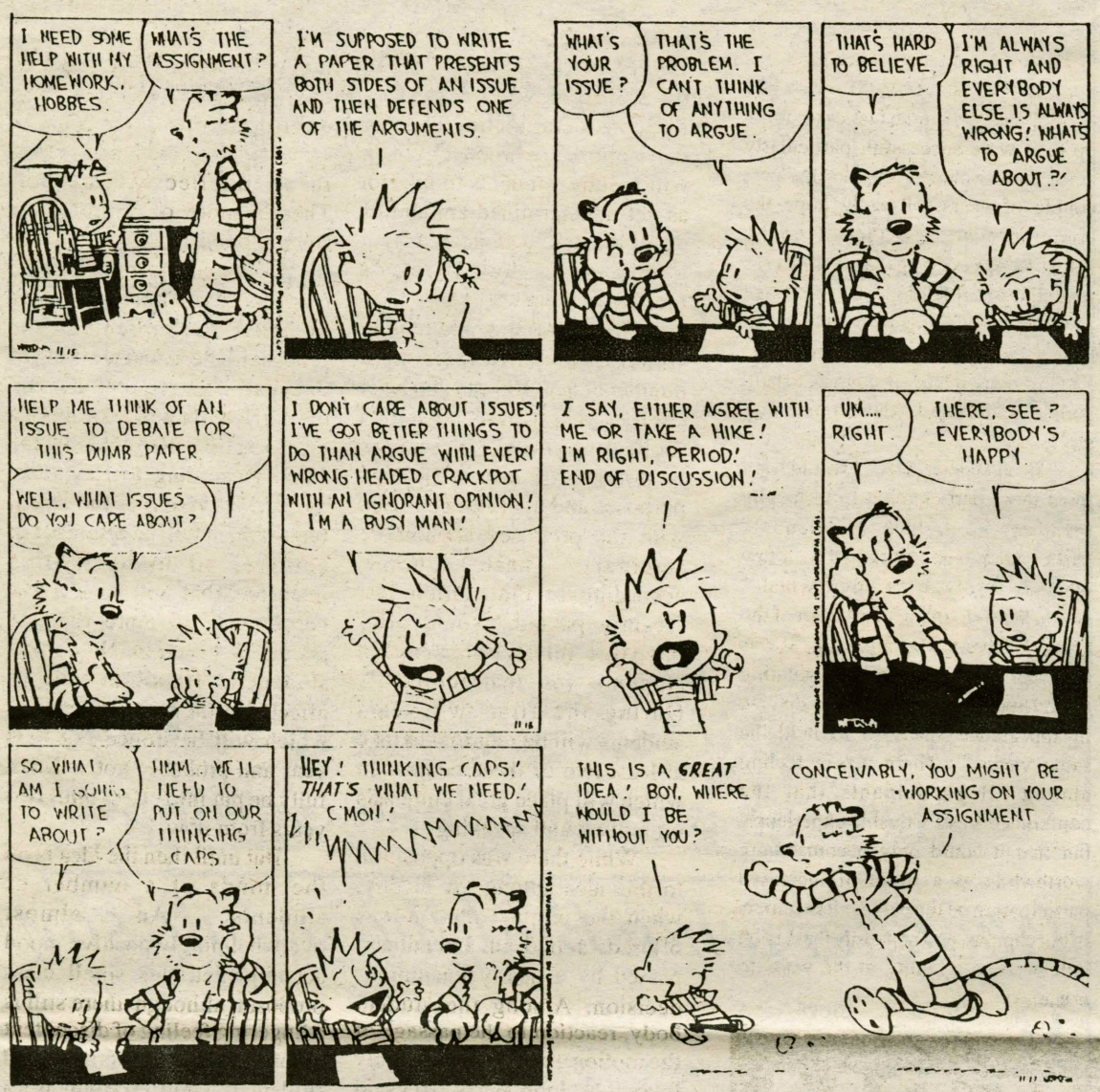
Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson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I'M SUPPOSED TO WRITE A PAPER THAT PRESENTS BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE AND THEN DEFENDS ONE OF THE ARGUMENTS.
WHAT'S YOUR ISSUE?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO ARGUE.
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.
I'M ALWAYS RIGHT AND EVERYBODY ELSE IS ALWAYS WRONG! WHAT'S TO ARGUE ABOUT?!
HELP ME THINK OF AN ISSUE TO DEBATE FOR THIS DUMB PAPER.
WELL, WHAT ISSUES DO YOU CARE ABOUT?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ISSUES! I'VE GOT BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN ARGUE WITH EVERY WRONG HEADED CRACKPOT WITH AN IGNORANT OPINION! I'M A BUSY MAN!
I SAY, EITHER AGREE WITH ME OR TAKE A HIKE! I'M RIGHT, PERIOD! END OF DISCUSSION!
UM.... RIGHT.
THERE, SEE? EVERYBODY'S HAPPY.
SO WHAT AM I GOING TO WRITE ABOUT?
HMM... WELL NEED TO PUT ON OUR THINKING CAPS
HEY! THINKING CAPS! THAT'S WHAT WE NEED! C'MON!
THIS IS A GREAT IDEA! BOY, WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT YOU?
CONCEIVABLY, YOU MIGHT BE WORKING ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT

CROSSWORD

Campus Crossword

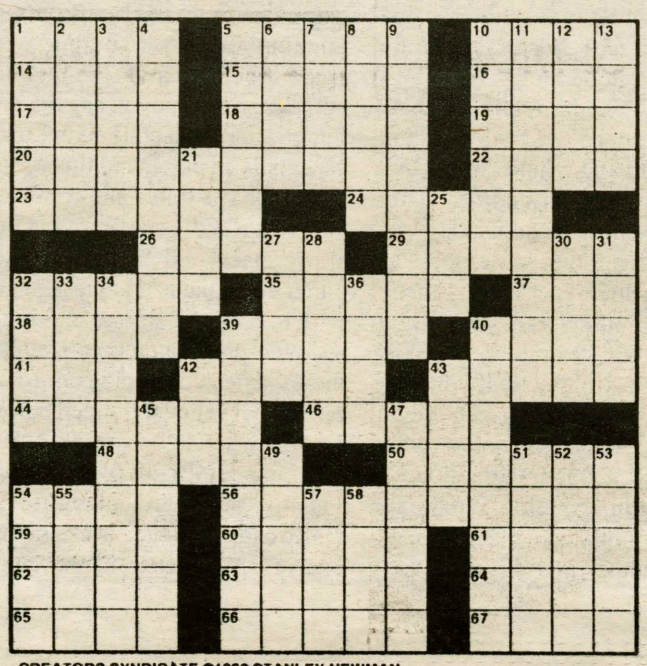
UP IN THE AIR by Diane C. Baldwin
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Enthralled
5 Spanish houses
10 Winter vehicle
14 Hodgepodge
15 "Remember the __"
16 Garr or Hatcher
17 Ripening agent
18 California county
19 Gloomy forecast
20 Pocket-watch feature
22 Fencing sword
23 Dole's group
24 School assignment
26 Challenges
29 ". . . a __ every purpose under heaven"
32 Army officer
35 British noblewomen
37 Feel poorly
38 Musical work
39 Groucho prop
40 Canadian Indian
41 Sleep activity: Abbr.
42 Word before space or limits
43 Cowboy gear
44 __ de corps
46 "Shoo!"
48 Spicy sauce
50 Foist (on)
54 Guinness or Baldwin
56 Safety-deposit sites
59 Drench
60 As __ (generally)
61 Louver
62 Feed the kitty
63 Telegraph operator
64 Ireland
65 Nuisance
66 Certain joints
67 Fortuneteller

DOWN

1 Strays
2 Pond plants
3 __ the sky (illusory hope)
4 Twisters
5 RV
6 Winglike
7 Agra attire
8 Chemical compound
9 Glee-club member
10 Small river
11 1996 and 2000
12 Part of HOMES
13 Enjoy a banquet
21 Play the lead
25 __ boom bah
27 Prepare to publish
28 Wise ones
30 Neckwear
31 Bread spread
32 Extra
33 Zoo favorites
34 Checker-cab items
36 Artist Chagall
39 Trims
40 University areas
42 Olive product
43 Tibetan monk
45 Clamor
47 TV talker Joan
49 Brother of Moses
51 Hardy's nickname
52 Stunned reaction
53 Fragrant compound
54 Quickly, briefly
55 __ Star State (Texas)
57 Stocking shade
58 Swiss painter



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Z-ba:

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EDITORIAL

A time to give thanks...

Given the coming of the Thanksgiving holiday, Sarah and I felt it appropriate to compile a random list of things we are thankful for. While in no way conclusive, its creation forced us to pause and realize all the good things in our lives. So often at Hamilton we focus on the negatives and overlook the numerous positives. As you enjoy your time away from the Hill, we hope you too pause for a moment to reflect upon all the good in your life. Enjoy your time off.

We are thankful...

- •for writing the editorial at "only" 4:00 a.m., instead of at 8:00 a.m.
- •for our families, especially since we will get to see them soon.
- •for Thanksgiving break, period.
- •for the appearance of the sun on Thursday morning, for we may not see it again until May.
- •for the coming of winter, and the numerous outdoor activities it affords.
- •for Nantucket Nectars in the Diner.
- •for our friends, for without the distractions they provide our sanity would certainly be in question.
- •for Bev Low, our rocking advisor who, although very overworked, always finds time to meet our needs.
- •for the red plaid couches, friendly staff, and poppy-seed muffins at Café Opus.
- •for the anticipation of a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner.
- •for our hallmates, who make us laugh with their witty, no not necessarily witty, but comical antics.
- •for the hope that the administration may come through with new equipment for *The Spectator*.
- •for Doritos©, they are just yummy.
- •for *SpecOnline* Editor, Dave Kutcher, for his unwavering assistance and timely humor.
- •for the Chapel, it lights our way at 6:00 a.m. every Friday morning.
- •for provocative dinner conversation every night at McEwen.
- •for our professors, not necessarily for the work they assign at the most inopportune times, but for their spontaneous bouts of intellectualhumor.
- •for the B.B. King concert, as well as a plethora of great musical, comical and academic talents showcased on campus this semester.

And finally, we are thankful for the opportunity to study at one of the finest liberal arts institutions in the nation. Although not everyone is completely satisfied, including us, the positives do far outweigh the negatives. It is time to stop complaing about what we do not have, and be thankful for all that we do have.

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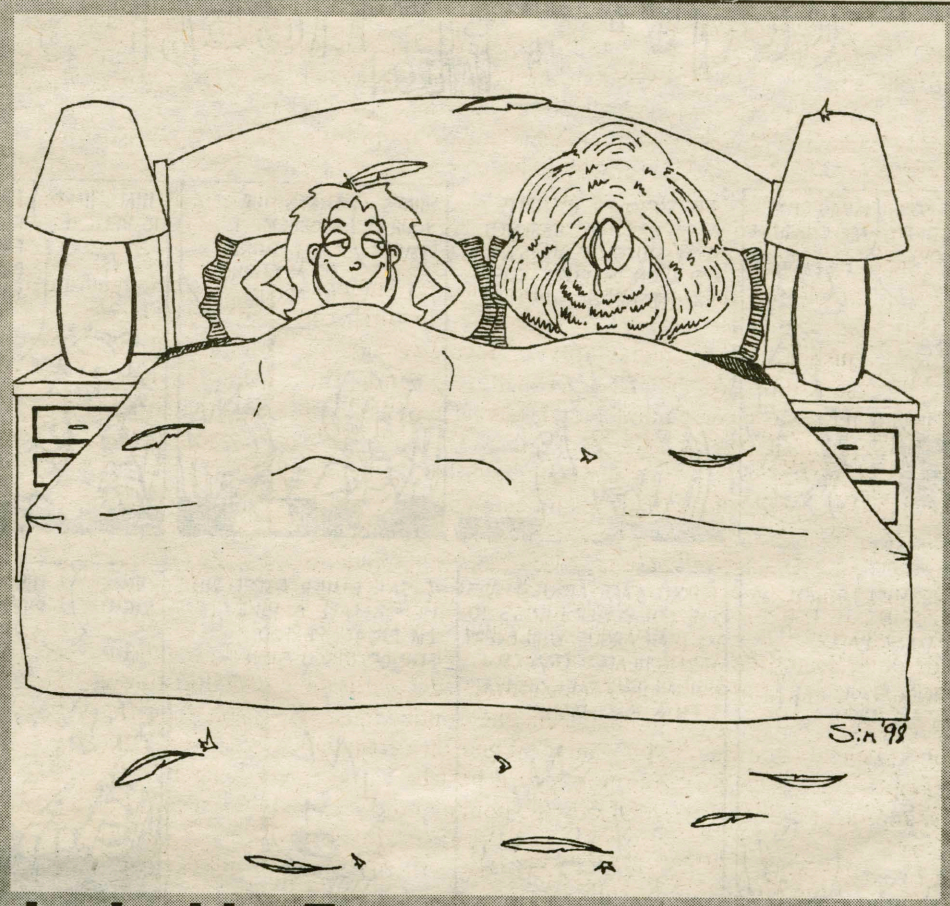

It looks like Tom is going to make it through another Thanksgiving

I wonder what Buddha would say?

TAMAR SCOGGIN
ECHOES OF ELDORADO

Right now there are only two things that could make me sincerely happy: mountain biking on the trail close to my home, or skiing in the Rocky Mountains. Buddha would council me to rid myself of these desires, for right now, both objectives are more than a thousand miles away. So, instead of alleviating me from my state of samsara, I am personally delivering myself to the threshold of suffering. So be it. I miss being outside, I miss the adrenaline I get only from biking and skiing; I miss the Colorado sunshine and endless blue sky - no matter if it's summer or winter. I need time away from all the mistakes and mishaps I have procured for myself this semester, and there are so many. Do you find that you just get so wrapped up here at Hamilton that you forget all the incredible things you have done in your life? I sure do.

I wish I could carry around a can of Colorado sunshine, so that every time I began to berate myself ("Good God! Why did I say that? Did I really do that? What the hell?"), I could just pop off the lid and inhale deeply. All the troubles and trivialities of my wacked-out ego would fade away and I'd get the same rush as dodging down rocky paths on my bike, Gautama, or swooshing down a powder run on my skis, Lefty and Righty. So if you ever see me running zig-zag down Martin's Way, you know what "drug" I'm on: imagination. I miss my imagination, it took me to some pretty cool places when I was younger and did not know about "cultural relativism," "perceptions of reality," "deconstructionalism," or the opposite sex. I often wonder when guys went from "best friends" to "those whose mental processes I can only begin to figure out." I often wonder when it went from "come over and we'll eat cookie batter and drink coke until we ralph" to "come over and we'll polish off a handle and a case until..." (we know what happens next).

But see, I know what is happening now. I know more, but long for the times I can never have again. The irony of life, right? And when I am half-way around the world next semester, I'll be longing for all the mishaps and mistakes for which I now wear a bag over my head. I will only be thinking about how I could have made it better - after the fact. Do you ever find that you say the best things after the fact? I do this a lot, especially in class, and this makes me a little frustrated and confused.

When did I start moving at a slower pace? I don't think cookie batter and coke had anything to do with it. I think I started moving at a slower pace when I realized that there was so much going on around me that I had never noticed before. So now when I go to speak, before anything comes out of my mouth, I qualify my statement with; Who really cares? Silence is usually the end result, because in the end, I don't even know if *I* care about what I have to say. It may just deliver me to the threshold of suffering. Even that can of Colorado sunshine would become a dependency mechanism.

What we need as we become adults is "imagination conditioning" where we keep sparks of creativity and sense of wonder tied-up and always ready to use in this crazy world. If I may be so ego-centric, and this is a fine-line, as to suggest a home remedy, this is what it would be: take a walk around campus at night with your favorite music selection in your walkman. Walk as long as you want. Go through all the buildings, look at all the students studying, partying, talking, doing whatever. Go to the cemetery, walk out to Minor Field, just get out of your normal sphere of Hamilton and get a sense of where you are in this world right now by listening to the soundtrack for your soul playing into your ears. The next day when you walk to class and think stressed out thoughts of many emotional hues, and cross the bridge, BOOM! You'll start humming *Tryin' to Throw Your Arms Around the World* and suddenly feel so much better. (Oh yeah, last night...) And it will be something you share with only yourself, so no one else can take it away from you.

I don't know what Buddha would quite say about that. Perhaps he would see it as a mix of walking and music meditation. As long as it delivers you from the mental prison and into the heart cave, it can't be all that bad.

Princeton Review portrayal

DAVE KUTCHER & TOM LEEN

GRUMPY OLD MEN

As yet another beautiful day filled with sunshine, mild temperature, green grass, and a light breeze comes to a close, I find myself thinking back to my senior year in high school when I was fervently flipping through the Princeton Review's descriptions of colleges. I don't feel that the description portrayed in that oh-so-thick book does justice for the college. In response to this, I'd like to write my own portrayal for prospective students and their families to peruse.

The first thing that comes to mind is the location of the College. Located merely 3 hours from New York City, 4 hours from Boston, 1 hour from Syracuse, and 4.5 hours from Philadelphia, Hamilton is situated at the hub of many urban areas. This proximity to the city allows students to spend some time away from campus to see plays, go to museums, and other culturally stimulating events that these areas provide. Both the professors and the College encourage these pilgrimages by giving less work over the weekend and making sure you're not missing anything interesting on campus by going away for the weekend. As Oren Rawls '99 comments, "sometimes we all just need to get away to realize how great we have it here on the Hill. I find myself hurrying back to campus after a long weekend of culturally stimulating affairs."

However, if you don't wish to travel quite so far, there is Utica. The mid-state oasis of Central New York is located a quick fifteen minutes away by Jitney. At the bottom of the Hill, there is the modern yet old-fashioned quintessential college town of Clinton. Here, you will find an intriguing mix of history and small community atmosphere virtually unmatched at any other small northeastern liberal arts college. On any given night one can find students at the local 'hangouts' splitting a pizza and a pitcher of coke.

Academically, Hamilton College is known to push its students to greater heights of analytical reasoning and philosophizing. Outside the classroom, debates often rage about concepts discussed in class, while eating crackers and drinking fruit beverages. Academics here is not a 9-4 requirement, but instead a 24-7 workout of the cerebral cortex. If only I had a nickel for every evening I come across students debating the pseudo-uniform reducibility of recursive sets or utility, non-being and the quintessential essence of the Ten Thousand Things, I would be able to match Hamilton's quite generous financial aid endowment.

On the field, Hamilton boasts close to 100 percent of its students participating in intramural or varsity sports, if not as participants, as spectators. The greatest enthusiasm is directed towards the football team, the Continentals. If you want to tailgate on a crisp Fall morning, you'd best be early, as good vantage points to the action are quickly filled by the student body that turns out *en masse* to watch and cheer the Continentals to victory. As Sloan Craven '99 remarked, "Being on the field is such an emotional high when all of our peers come out and support us. It breaks my heart to play away games knowing that all of our supporters won't be able to attend."

In the culinary affairs, our award-winning dining service, *Bon Appetit*, serves up dishes that electrify your taste buds. From fish tacos to honey glazed Cornish hens to mom's old-fashioned meat loaf and mashed potatoes, every day is a surprise! To keep things irregular, *Bon Appetit* has come up with exciting ideas such as Atypical Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, and Inside-Outside-Upside-Down Thursday.

I would like to elaborate on many of the above mentioned activities and speak about many other things such as our intimate porch talks with President Tobin, small class sizes, and student-faculty interactions. However, I'm feeling this overwhelming urge to break out in a few verses of "Carrissma." So if you know the words, join me in a rousing rendition and let the spirit flow through you!

I think you guys might be on my planet

Thanksgiving verses Armageddon

BEN ZOLL

THEY CALL HIM

People that talk to me sometimes ask, "What goes on in your mind when you write your column?" The answer is simple: not much at all. I like to dynamically address proactive topics with an in-your-face, 90s attitude that is hip to pop culture, but at the same time, take a laid back retro 70s-80s approach to multi-cultural solutions.

Actually, what I really want to do is make fun of things that I don't like or understand for the simple reason that it amuses me that this gets published in the first place. Of course, they put this other stuff in here, too.

cartoon by Stevie D.

With all that in mind, I had two choices for topics in mind for this week. One was a funny proactive recount of my family's Thanksgiving traditions that everyone could relate to. I could get a laugh or two with random cranberry stuffing jokes. The other idea was about omens of the Armageddon that everyone tends to ignore. The choice is obvious.

Let's talk about the Armageddon. The word itself comes from "Norse" mythology (Norse is Latin for "Viking"). The Vikings believed that the world would come to an end when they put together a decent football team. This catastrophe would be initiated by a "Flight of the Valkeries" from their home in the sky. Valkeries are dead women warriors who will return to the regular world when the Vikings win the Super bowl...or the Red Sox win the Series. They will return to the living world on broomsticks, but they will be unable to return until the slowest and fattest Valkyerie, an Opera singer named Arma, mounts her broomstick. The word Armageddon comes from the other Valkeryies cries of encouragement for her to "get on" her broomstick. Wagner (pronounced Vagner, unlike Volkswagen, which is pronounced "Farfegnuggen") wrote an opera about this, which ends with Arma singing about how happy she is that she finally got on her broomstick. A joke about a fat Viking lady singing would be a little too easy to write.

So, according to reliable Viking sources, the world ends when a whole bunch of dead women riding broomsticks come back from the otherworld ("oterverld" in Norse).

Let's look at another culture's interesting and viable opinion of how the world will end. Since Christianity doesn't count as a culture in our multi-ethnic approach, we will talk about the Mayans. Eerily enough, the Mayans gave a date for the Apocalypse, December 23, 2013.

While this may seem incredibly fatalistic, the Mayans wrote that the world has already ended four times. Xilopichozlette, the "God of Many Teeth and Other Sharp Appendages", had insurance and got to start new worlds, but each time another disaster would come and wipe out the world, or at least Mexico. The last time it was a flood, which has led some to believe that it was the same flood that Noah was in. Others believe that it might have been one of the 2.5 billion hurricanes that have hit Mexico in the past thousand years.

At any rate, the Mayans actually believed in a worse fate than the Norse Armageddon: the world will be eaten by Jaguars. I'm not making this part up. And not the friendly kind you see in the zoo. These cats are p--sed off enough to devour Utica and the surrounding area. I can't imagine that's going to taste good.

Then again, cats eat ash and Chinese newspapers for dinner every night. That is, unless you give them the high-grade food, in which case they grow enormously fat and begin to resemble feline Valkeries. And you can give them little helmets with horns on them and step on their tails for a *vonderful Vagnerian operetta* about the end of the world.

So watch out.

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The Hamilton Drug Dealer: getting you hooked and raising the price

HEATHER RAE OBLEMAN

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

How many of you came to Hamilton College because of a great financial aid package? There are numerous people who would answer yes to this and it probably does not surprise you. The mass of affirmative responses to the next question may surprise you - How many of you have been disappointed with progressively worse financial aid packages?

The truth is every year Hamilton College lures in hundreds of new first-years under the guise of wonderful financial aid packages. I have even been known to support prospective students considering the options here. Lately, I must only discourage people from falling prey to the same trap I did. As many upperclassmen can attest, the wonderful financial aid packages become hazier until they vanish.

Well first-years, let me tell you, you are already here. They don't need to convince you to come anymore. Invest any extra money you might have in lottery tickets so you might be able to afford senior year without astronomical loans. The fine print of loan charges, damage bills, student activity fees, continuation fees, and other charges, such as a possiblr cable bill for next year, will augment your tuition drastically. *None* of these are truly included when they consider your financial aid package in later years.

"I am completely drained and sick of fighting with financial aid every semester." - Amanda Malcolm '99

According to Ken Kogut, Director of Financial Aid, last year was a typical year. Statistics showed that 32% of financial aid given at the College went to first-years. The remaining amount was distributed amongst the other three classes, indicating a drop of ten percent. This is curious considering that savings diminish, not accrue, while one is at college. With this assumption, shouldn't one receive more aid as the years go on?

This perplexed me greatly, then

"I am paying three times as much this year as I did my freshman year," - Liz Daly '99

I realized that need-based must mean based on the needs of college enrollment statistics, not on the needs of students. This is the foundation to the "Financial Aid Magical Math Formula." Apparently upperclassmen don't need financial aid.

How does the Office of Financial Aid do something like this without outraging parents and students? Put as simply as possible, estimated costs vary greatly from actual costs. There are many different ways people have told me how financial aid has messed with them. While it may convince college officials that there is no issue, the student who can not afford to continue school knows there is an issue, no matter how they literally "slice" it.

Whatever the magical math formula may dictate for your particular package, they will give it to you. I recommend you look closely at your packages to see where the mythical non-mathematicians are hiding the increases.

You may doubt the accuracy of my statements. If so, simply ask someone who receives financial aid. I had no trouble finding personal testimonies (although it was moderately difficult to find ones which did not contain numerous expletives).

"I think the bottom line is that the financial aid process involves a magical formula with hidden variables that can make you crazy if you tried to figure it out yourself," said Cristen Sargent '01.

Amanda Malcolm '99 has experienced a similar problem with financial aid. "I don't understand how I can come back to campus with a large enough outside scholarship to have a credit on my account, and then they reduce my aid such that, now, I owe them. I don't get the Hamilton math."

I have been trying to crack the cryptic code to this magical formula for a while, and this is what I understand: they figure out how much they can possibly milk out of you without you transferring and then decide your package.

I have heard a "Hamilton Rumor" - confirmed by many although declared by none - of a guy who transferred because his financial aid package was so bad. Apparently the magic formula didn't quite work. The mystical non-mathematicians forgot to wait until he was hooked, as if he was addicted to a drug, to raise the price. They jumped the gun - another year and he wouldn't have had the option to transfer without graduating late.

This conclusion I have reached from personal experience. By working as a Resident Advisor, I

"Its just really frustrating to me," - Cristen Sargent '01

simply receive less aid than the year before, because I am able to pay more.

I have brought this concern to numerous outlets, such as Kogut himself, who told me, "We thank you for your patience." As I was being patient, I received a pleasant form letter that I will not be allowed to register for classes. I decided I should stop being patient and see how things are going at Financial Aid. I was told to call back. I did and was told to call back again. I did and... you get the idea. Eventually, I was told I should increase my loans, which is the only area that reflects my payment as a RA. Now, rather than making next to nothing as a RA, I make nothing. I am glad I was patient for Financial Aid to reconsider my package. I just wonder what street corner I am supossed to be dealing crack on for my work-study.

The summer of my sophomore year I worked three jobs to pay school debts. Did I have extra money because of this? Did my hard work pay off? No. It has simply meant that Kogut asks me a year and a half later where that money went. "Um, shampoo? Maybe rent or food? Yes... right, silly me. I was being lavish to spend money on such luxuries."

"I became very perturbed last year when I became an RA and my financial aid package was 'toyed with' rather than just credited," - Nat Warner '00

Since I do not, and never have, received familial contributions, I requested that the amount be reflected in student contributions. I thought this may have been the reality check that was missing. Unfortunately, switching the contribution to that column would then cause his formula to reflect the double amount I am paying this year. To prevent this, Ken told me, "You are your family." Okay, so then what is the difference between family and student contributions then? Just list it under student. I was then told, and I quote, "It's not my fault you have family problems." Is my family dysfunctional simply because our bank accounts do not follow the Ken Kogut System of Applied Mathematics?

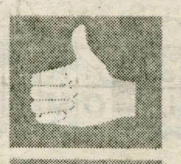
The mentally trying procedure of dealing with Financial Aid is now accompanied by threats of not being able to register, move into your room, or pick your room for the next year. All these threats only work if the assumption they are based on is true- I just need an extra kick in the ass to walk my check over to the Business Office. Yet, if I don't have the money and cannot make such an amount, does threatening me with homelessness and failure solve my problem? Why no, it does not. Rather than issuing threats, why doesn't Hamilton get a reasonable financial aid program for ALL FOUR years? The formula decides that once a student is no longer an entrance or transferable statistic to be compared to Williams, they can jack up loans.

I once believed that for being an active member of the community consideration would be made on my behalf. Apparently I was extremely wrong.

The moral of this story for first-years: Do not work. Do not strive. There is no point. Financial Aid, if anything, penalizes you for making more money. Making more simply means they expect you to pay more. Therefore, sit at home and watch T.V. Do not be an active member of the community - I can tell you from experience it gets you nowhere. I never realized the apathetic majority at Hamilton was right. Watch lots of T.V.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Minnie Make-up and Daphne Dumbfounded



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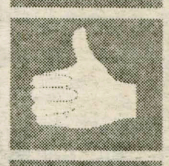

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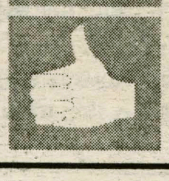
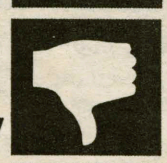


Vitamin R

Getting closed out of your senior seminar



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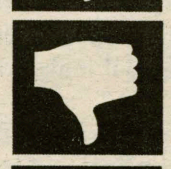

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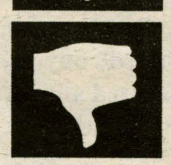

No transition from alcoholism to workoholism

Calendar

LECTURES

The Performing Arts will sponsor the final showings of the Fall Theatre Production "Pilgrims of the Night," directed by Craig Latrell this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Minor Theatre.

F I L M

This weekend the Samuel Kirkland Film Society presents *Lethal Weapon 4.* The film will run on Friday Nov. 20 and Sunday Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday Nov. 21 at 10 p.m. in KJ Auditorium.

A R T S

The Chemistry Department will sponsor a lecture by Rachel Austin of the Department of Chemistry at Bates College on Friday Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. in Room 112, Saunders Hall of Chemistry. Austin's lecture is entitled, "Hemes on a Box: Stabilization and Catalytic Activity of Iron Porphyrins Stabilized on Mesoporous Aluminosilicates."

CHECKITOUT

CAB will sponsor *The House Jacks* with special guests *The Buffers* on Friday Nov. 20 in the Events Barn. *The House Jacks* is a five member all-male a capella group with a wicked combination of funk and pop with tight harmonies, fat vocal bass and mind-blowing vocal percussion. *The Buffers* will begin the show at 8:30 p.m.

This Saturday night at 8 p.m. CAB will proudly present The *Capitol Steps* in Wellin Hall. This event is sponsored by Student Assembly, the Office of the President, the Dean of Faculty, the Dean of Students, the Office of Alumni Affairs, the Government Department, and the Office of Student Activities.

The Student Dance Alliance will sponsor a DJ Dance Party Saturday Nov. 21 at 9 p.m. in the Events Barn.

WHCL Radio & Student Assembly will sponsor a concert featuring the quickly rising band *Mister Jones* on Saturday Nov. 21 at 10 p.m. in North Court. Don't miss this phenomenal group!

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 - 26

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Rugrats	*6:45, 9:00*	*The Siege*	*6:35, 9:25*
Enemy of the State	*6:40, 9:40*	*Pleasantville*	*6:30, 9:20*
The Waterboy	*7:00, 9:30*	*Antz*	*7:10, 9:15*
Meet Joe Black	*7:20*	*Wizard of Oz*	*7:05*
I Still Know What You Did Last Summer	*6:50, 9:35*	*Vampires*	*9:45*

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Friday - Sunday	*7:00*
Matinee: Sat. & Sun.	*2:00*

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Friday & Sunday	*7:30*
Saturday	*10:00*

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The Rugrats Movie	*6:40, 8:40*	*Pleasantville*	*7:20, 9:40*
Enemy of the State	*7:10, 10:00*	*I'll Be Home For Christmas*	*5:05, 7:05*
The Waterboy	*7:00, 9:10*	*The Siege*	*7:30, 9:45*
Meet Joe Black	*8:00*	*John Carpenter's Vampires*	*9:20*
I Still Know What You Did Last Summer	*7:40, 9:50*	*Living Out Loud*	*6:50, 9:00*

FOR THE FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

Answer to previous puzzle

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HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 - 26

by The Mysterious Q
A&E ASTROLOGER

Scorpio
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
It's time for you to go crazy, but you seem to have things occupying all of your time. Try and relax a little bit in between cram sessions. Your lucky paper is: a thesis.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Admirers might be a good thing even if they are slightly random. Basque in the attention. It's not bad to let them follow you around. Your lucky nugget is: chicken.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)
Don't be afraid of medical situations. Sometime soon a doctor may come to your rescue. But don't be all tentative about your moves. Your lucky metal is: copper.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Finding yourself caught in the middle? I think you need to step back and evaluate things before you really get into a sticky situation. Your lucky hat is: a top hat.

Pisces
(Feb. 20-March 20)
Take a few deep breaths and you'll be home. When you're there make sure and enjoy it. Stop taking it all for granted. Your lucky title is: senior.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Aries, you really need to calm down a bit. Stop getting mad so easily, stop freaking out about your work and stop crying at the drop of a hat. Your lucky scent is: vanilla.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
People miss you so much more everyday. Just keep in mind how important you are to other people's happiness. Don't cave in to the pressure. Your lucky bear is: red.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
You are on top of the world, Gemini. It must be the meteor showers or something in the cosmos. Gosh do you have talent! Everything your touch will be priceless. Your lucky dog is: ceramic.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Why are you always making such sexual comments? You need to focus on some other things, Cancer. Some people are getting scared! Your lucky snack is: a snickerdoodle.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 23)
Maybe you should speak your mind a little bit more. People will be impressed with what comes out of your mouth. You might gain some new friends and acquaintances. Your lucky day is: Monday.

Virgo
(Aug. 24- Sept. 23)
Some challenges are currently being lined up for you. My advice for you is to get through it regardless of how well you do it. It is time to settle for less then the best. Your lucky note is: high.

Libra
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
This weekend will bring some interesting questions for you to answer. Be prepared to know exactly what you want when you want it. Also, dance your heart out. Your lucky color is: silver.

Curtain comes down on *Pilgrims of the Night* this weekend in Minor

by James O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E EDITOR

You probably will not see another play as funny as *Pilgrims of the Night* for a long time. You may never see a play as wild, complex, exciting and distinct ever again. At least that is the way I felt during the final moments of the play. I did not want to leave the theater, a place I spent the last three hours laughing, to face the reality of homework and classes. Nonetheless, I did leave, and now have the privilege of recollecting my memories in a vain attempt at putting me back in our snug playhouse, Minor Theater.

What struck me most was the playwright's ability to write a script that makes you laugh so hard at some of the strangest things, and at the same time evoke touching moments that articulate the philosophical views of the writer. *Pilgrims of the Night* is a play about journeys— our pilgrimage through life. Each tale told by the actors offers a different perspective on life, with one universal message in all of them— finding personal happiness. All the characters in the play seemed disappointed with their lives, existing with a cynical, depressed, or disillusioned, and all together depressing outlooks on life.

PHOTO BY RACHEL ANDERMAN '02

Katie Coffey '00 and Justin Tyler '01 perform the story "Olga the Headless Woman".

Not only was the play amusing and touching at moments, but also it included great choreographing by dance professor Leslie Nielson and Director Craig Latrell. The special effects were an addition to the already attractive set, and added offered the audience a complete experience.

Pilgrims of the Night is so wild, when asked if he is going to see it this weekend, one student joked, "Of course I'm going, I heard everybody gets naked." Audience's responses to the performance have all been very positive. Andrew McKay '00 commented, "I never knew Hamilton's Theatre Department was so strong. I won't miss another show as long as I am here." Chris Viapiano '02 said, "different, but the acting was great!" I could not agree more. The energy of the performance alone kept people at the edge of their seats.

Pilgrims of the Night, that new, trippy postmodern comedy that erupted last weekend will probably fill up hours before the show goes on again this Friday and Saturday. After seeing the play and every play put on in my time here at Hamilton I offer one piece of advice for everyone: go see this performance! Let go and receive the play. At times you may not understand, at others you may be in total disbelief. Laugh when necessary, and remember that it's a play—it is suppose to entertain you. Most stories are told to amuse audiences, *Pilgrims of the Night* does just that!

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Brandon Sornberger '00 as Mr. Samuel Sundown enlightens the audience with a tale of fate.

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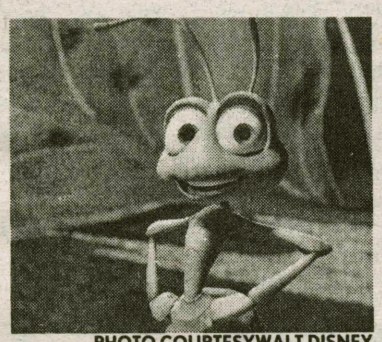
November 20

A Bug's Life

Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney team up to create the computer animated story of an ant named Flik who attempts to save his colony from a group of grasshoppers. Flik appears to be doomed when he recruits a group of half wit bugs to help him in defense of the sinister Hopper and his gang of grasshoppers. However, Flik and his troops will not go down easily, bringing a comic and heroic ending moviegoers.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A Bug's Life will not be as good as Dreamworks' *Antz*, the other computer animated movie brought to the big screen this year. The fact that *Antz* was released before *A Bug's Life* will hurt its box office success as well. But, the movie looks very entertaining. It seems to have a solid plot and a whole lot of laughs, and like *Antz*, the effects are incredible.

Celebrity

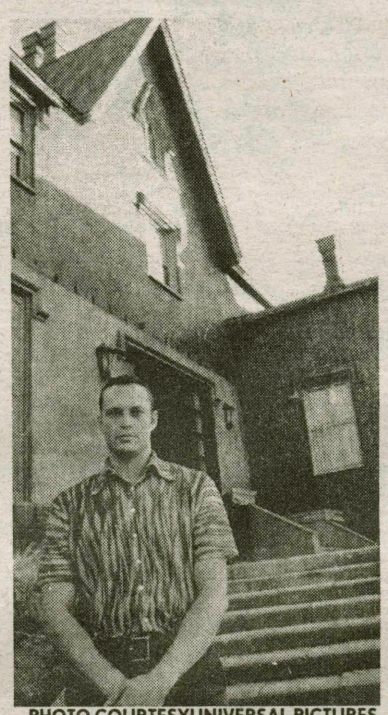
Woody Allen brings an star cast of Judy Davis, Joe Montegna, Leonardo DiCaprio, Charleze Theron, Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder and Kenneth Branaugh to his latest movie, *Celebrity*. The film centers around Branaugh, a journalist exploring Manhattan's rich and famous, as well as his relationship with his wife before and after their divorce. Allen wrote and directed the film, but allows Branaugh to star in the role made perfectly for himself.

Celebrity should be a blast. It is a typical Woody Allen movie with typical Woody Allen humor. If this is your type of humor, then you should check it out. Although I am not a big Leonardo DiCaprio fan, I am excited to see *Celebrity*. It looks like a funny,and well scripted and directed film. Woody Allen would have it no other way.

December 4

Psycho

Alfred Hitchcock has recently been a very popular director. Last year, his *Dial M For Murder* was redone as *A Perfect Murder* with Michael Douglas and Gwyneth Paltrow. Gus Van Sant remade *Psycho* and his remake of *Rear Window*, with Christopher Reeve will be coming in the future. *A Perfect Murder* was weak, and neither *Psycho* nor *Rear Window* will compare to their originals. Hitchcock is one of the greatest directors in the history of film, and *Psycho* may have been his best. His version won the eighteenth place on the AFI's 100 Greatest American Movies for a very good reason: it remains the best horror film ever made.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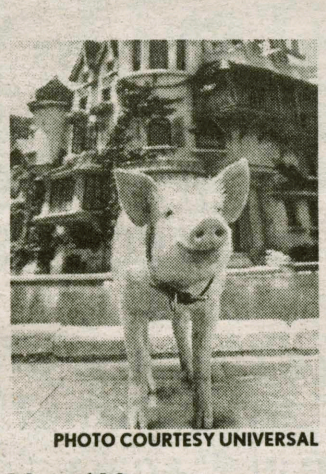
Gus Van Sant's remake of *Psycho* stars Vince Vaughn as Norman Bates, Anne Heche as the pretty young lady who meets her demise in the shower, William H Macy and Julianne Moore. Even this all star cast cannot recreate a masterpiece. Nonetheless, I will be first in line to see it. It may not be as good as its original, but it has the potential to be a quality horror film, something which has eluded the theaters lately. In terms of box office success, there will be a lot of people jumping out of their seats on December 4th.

November 25

Babe: Pig in the City

That crazy little pig is back, and this time he is traveling to a storybook city to save the Hoggett's farm from foreclosure. In the city, he makes many animal friends and learns where a generous and kind heart can lead. The film also stars James Cromwell and Magda Szubanski as Mr. and Mrs. Hoggett.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It is rare for a sequel to be better than its original, and I would be very surprised if *Babe: Pig in the City* is an exception. It will be funny at times, but the plot seems weak. *Babe* is a wonderful movie, and it will be a shame to see it ruined by a poor attempt at a sequel.

Enemy of the State

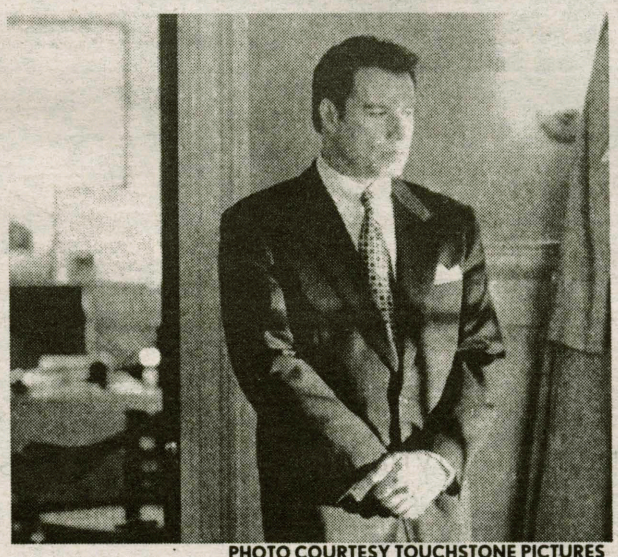
I am not a big fan of Jerry Bruckheimer's last two films. Although they had great action, I felt *Con Air* and *Armageddon* were poorly acted, scripted and directed. His latest film *Enemy of the State*, directed by Tony Scott, has potential. It looks exciting, funny and action packed. The movie stars Will Smith as a young lawyer framed for the murder of a congressman by a corrupt intelligence official played by John Voight. Smith's only chance of escaping danger lies in the hands of a mysterious ex-intelligence operative played by Gene Hackman.

Will Smith will draw big crowds, and for good reason. Not only is his music career launching, but his film career is as well. He was very good in *Men In Black*, and may be even better in *Enemy of the State*. Watch out, this could be an even bigger box office success than *Armageddon*.

December 25

A Civil Action

It could be a very exciting Christmas day at the movies thanks to Steven Zaillian's *A Civil Action*. The film stars John Travolta as a young, self absorbed lawyer who risks his career on a case against large corporations accused of inflicting leukemia on a small Massachusetts town.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The film goes beyond just the courtroom. Travolta must go through deceit and corruption to find the truth, if there is any.

ABC's *The Practice* showed an episode based on this same case. Both *The Practice* episode and Zaillian's film are based on the best selling novel *A Civil Action*. This is a true story, and seems to have a very involved plot. *A Civil Action* has the potential to be an action packed thriller, and could be one of the better films of the year.

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20: HOME FRIES
A BUG'S LIFE
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BABE: PIG IN THE CITY

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MIGHTY JOE YOUNG
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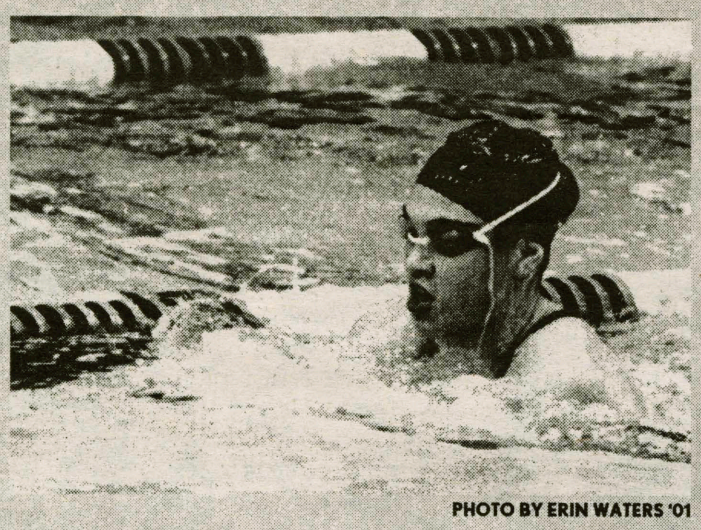
Women's swimming strokes to a start

by Emily Hill '01
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Dave Thompson has been preparing the women's swim team for a phenomenal season. His 18 years of experience are paying off for the team. Co-Captains Alysa Ball '99 and Meghan Steed '00 are leading the team in an effort to attain team unity and physical perfection. Pre-season began September 14, which is relatively early for a season that opened November 1. This year was the hardest pre-season ever, something that has proved beneficial for the team. Everyone on the team is recording faster times now than they were this time last year. Sarah Mason '02 commented, "This pre-season has been the most promising ever." Major differences between this year's team and last year's are already apparent. Jen Kunz '01 said, "The commitment level and amount of intensity have both gone up."



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Women's swimming performed well at scrimmage.

The first scrimmage came on Saturday, November 14th. The team traveled to Williams where they competed against Williams and Mt. Holyoke. Williams was not a scored meet, but the women still exerted themselves and showed a surprising level of fitness. Coach Thompson was impressed with them, and their progress thus far in the season. Kunz thought the meet "really went well in [her] opinion, as well as Coach's. Everyone was really worn down at the end due to the fact that we went up in yardage this year."

For the most part the women's team is young, composed mostly of sophomores and freshmen. Part of the team's strength is credited to the group of fast incoming freshman. Kat Donavan '02 and Regan Flynn '02 are two swimmers that stand out on the team. "We have lots of talented first year women on the team this year, and we also have a lot of returning talent with upperclassmen," said Steed.

The team's friendliness also makes it an easier adjustment for the freshmen to make. "I think everybody's making us feel like we are a part of the team. They have been friendly from the start," said Sarah Mason '02.

The swim team isn't just about swimmers, however. There are seven divers on the team and they all have key roles in the meets as well. Steed commented, "They are an integral part of the team, and often their scores decide the meet." The divers' performance is really good so far, and looking to improve as the season advances. As Kunz put it, "They are holding their own."

The season looks promising for the women. As Steed said, "There is a lot of potential on the team, and we have our state meet at home this year so we are all excited about that. We are hoping to win the state meet this year, but that is pretty far away. We are focusing on our meet this weekend against Ithaca and Hartwick. Ithaca is our biggest competitor at the state meet, and they have been training since September, but we are ready to compete with them."

The first scored meet will be on Friday at noon. Stop by and support the swimmers as they shatter their times from last year and absolutely dazzle the crowd.

Women's b-ball preview

by Frank Vinci '01 & Ron Kim '01
SPORTS WRITERS

The winter season is upon us, and with that comes the return of the women's basketball team. Last year the Lady Continentals showed much promise both on the offense and defense, which cannot be seen on paper as they only came away with two wins.

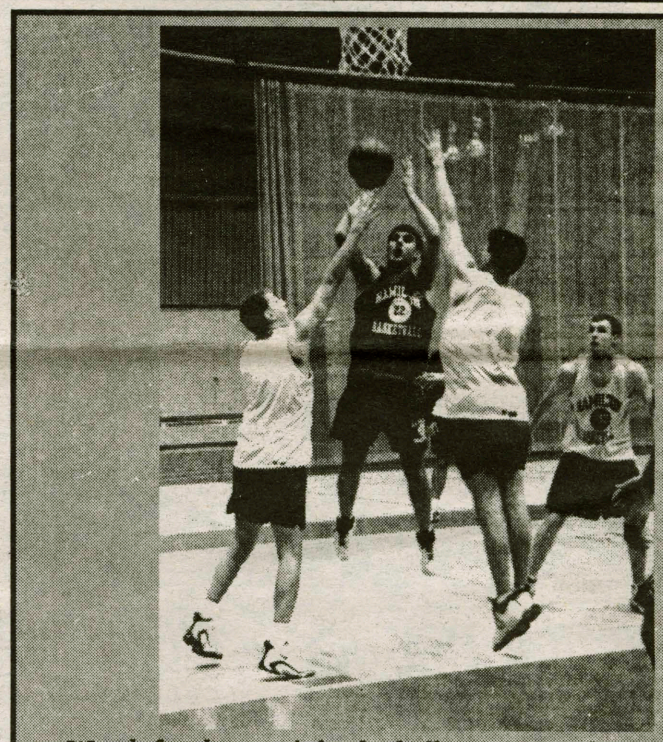
In a rebuilding season last year, many underclassman were given the opportunity to gain experience. Although their record did not show the hard work and effort that went into the season, the experience and enthusiasm from last year will definitely prove to be a positive factor this year.

The team will be led by senior co-captains Liz Sadler '99 and Jen Moran '99. Moran feels very positive about this upcoming season, "We are quicker, however not very big. We plan on out running other teams on the court."

She was quick to praise the recruiting job done by Coach Julie Diehl; "All of the freshman are playing great," said Moran. The mix of the new freshman talent, along with the return of team leaders Moran, Sadler, Abby McDermott, and Julia Genuso '01 will make for an exciting year.

Genuso said that the mentality of this year's team will be more intense than last year's. She is also positive about this year due to a faster oriented offense that will create problems for even the best of opponents. Furthermore, she compliments the freshmen for their effort and talent and she believes that Sadler and Moran are doing an exceptional job setting the intensive tone.

In a recent scrimmage in Canada, the Lady Continentals showed a lot of promise. Considering they had been practicing for only a week prior to the scrimmage, their one point loss showed hope, not despair.



Watch for the men's basketball preview and coverage of season opener in the December 4 issue of *The Spectator*.

The men's swimming season begins

by Emily Hill '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's swim team is looking forward to having a great 1999 season. Captains Adam Bushnoe '99 and 1998 All-American D.J. Postles '00 will lead the Continentals, who are hoping to improve on last year's stellar season, and to extend their reign as one of the elite teams in New York State. The Continentals' second place finish at the New York State Championships last year gained them a berth at the NCAA meet where the team set numerous records.

Postles was crowned the UCAA champion in the 1650m freestyle early in the season. He eventually qualified for the nationals where he placed third with a career best time of 16:00.08. Postles also finished twenty first nationally in the 200m freestyle with a time of 1:37.09. Bushnoe had a solid season last year as he qualified for the NCAA meet where he placed twenty first in the 200m butterfly with a career best time of 1:56.38.

This season the Hamilton squad will rely on the steady swimming of the Postles/Bushnoe duo, but as a team they will only go as far as the younger swimmers take them. The Continentals will rely heavily on the coming of age of three juniors: James McKee '00, Mike Ogurick '00, and Liam Smith '00, all of whom performed well last season, but must mature to the next level to allow the Continentals to maintain their excellence in swimmming.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Adam Bushnoe '99 continues to impress fans and coaches alike with his supurb speed and stamina.

The team is also gambling that last year's great crop of recruits will mature. Many of the sixteen sophomores were competitive last season, and will hopefully improve on good first seasons. The class of sixteen was led by Mark Azzolino '01, Dan Bordoni '01, Anthony Loeffler '01, and Paul O'Donnell '01. As co-captain Postles said, "the sophomore class looks stronger this season, and the recruits really round out the team."

Furthermore, Postles believes that improving on last season should be trivial task with the amount of talent on the team, although he stressed that the team will have to work hard to obtain their goal: winning the New York State Championship and gaining another berth in the NCAA meet.

This past weekend the Continentals participated in the NESCAC Relay meet which the team used as a warm up in preparation for the beginning of the regular season. The meet was highlighted as the Continentals' 400m freestyle crew of Bushnoe/Postles/Loeffler/Bordoni showed their tremendous talent boasting a time of 3:16. This weekend, November 21-22, the Continentals will begin the season against Hartwick and Ithaca.

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Spezzano named NESCAC Rookie of the Week

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was selected NESCAC Rookie of the Week for his outstanding performance in the Bates victory. He finished the game with 11 tackles (five solos), leading the Continentals' defense. Spezzano has already improved tremendously this year and will be even better next year.

Head football coach Steve Frank, who has never lost to Bates during his career at Hamilton, was very pleased with the Continental effort. "We played a lot better, and I'm happy with the progress we made this year," believes Frank. "We had some solid goalline stands and some good offensive drives. It was our best game all year."

Eleven Hamilton seniors ended their careers last Saturday which means Frank and his staff will have to make some adjustments for next season.

"We definitely have some holes to fill," remarked Carroll. "On the offensive line, we lose Clint Textor, Jason Breit, and Sloan Craven. We're also losing Kelby and Shawn, but we have some good receivers coming up. And of course on defense, we have to replace Jimmy, Bateman, Moscatel, Riccio, and Toby, but there are some hard working kids who are ready to step up."

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Replacing some of these seniors will not be easy. But as Frank was quick to point out there are many players who did not play this season, but may be returning for the 1999 campaign. "We hope to have Karl Knight, Jay Palladino, Jared Frank, Ron Kim, and a few other players back next year," he said.

There is clearly a long time until next season starts up. What happens next? Frank would like half of this year's recruiting class to be linemen and the other half to fulfill the skill positions. "We have the names of good kids who will hopefully complement what we already have," stated Frank. "The lack of size we had on both of our lines was not a weakness, but more of a shortcoming. Four quarters of constant pounding, it wears on you. We need to replace the guys we're losing. Our main goal is to get bigger, stronger, and faster."

There will be recruiting weekends over the course of the next few weeks and the team hopes to attract the best student-athletes available. There are already some players who have expressed interest in playing for the Continentals next season, but recruiting is a long and arduous process.

PHOTO COURTESY EMILY HILL '01

Annie Toth '02 prepares to make a move on this Amherst runner.

Women's X-C places fourth in NCAA Regionals

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team ended the season on Saturday with a fourth place finish out of twenty-two teams at the NCAA New York Regional Championships at St. Lawrence University. SUNY Plattsburgh won the meet, with SUNY Cortland finishing second and SUNY Geneseo finishing ahead of Hamilton. Because the top two teams qualified for the NCAA Championships at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, Plattsburgh and Cortland will be competing tomorrow at Dickinson. Cortland runners finished first and second.

The pack of tri-captain Tara Woolford '99, Maggie Hanson '02 and tri-captain Katie Wasilenko '99 finished tenth, twelfth, and fifteenth with times of 18:46, 18:48, and 18:55, respectively. Wasilenko summed up the season by saying, "We didn't qualify for Nationals, but I believe that we had an extremely successful season. We finished the regular season undefeated, finished second in the state, ran the four fastest times on our course in this decade, broke two course records, and had five people named to academic and all-conference teams. After surviving four years of college cross-country, I can honestly say this is the most dedicated, hard-working, enjoyable team I have run with. Everyone on the team, especially the rookies, should be proud of what they accomplished."

Had Woolford's time been 18:30 she would have qualified for the NCAA Championships. "I think we surprised some teams, and even ourselves, with our performance at Regionals, as well those of past weekends. We really pulled together as a team this year, and saw the result of all of our hard work," Woolford said. Hanson was the third freshman to finish and has a good chance of qualifying for NCAA's in the future. "Of course it is a disappointment that we didn't make it to nationals, but we had a solid race and a fantastic season. We'll miss the seniors next year."

The next two Hamilton runners were Annie Toth '02 and Sarah Lichtenstein '02, who finished fifty-fifth and sixty-third overall, with times of 20:20 and 20:31, respectively. "I think we accomplished most everything we wanted this year in cross country. There were, of course, ups and downs to the season, and I'm sure we all have own personal regrets. But we worked hard, and together we were able to make the season truly successful," said Toth.

Rounding out the team were Emily Hill '01 and tri-captain Katie McAuliffe '99, who finished eighty-fourth and ninetieth, with times of 21:00 and 21:10, respectively. "The competition at Regionals was incredibly tough. While our fourth place finish was rather disappointing because we had high hopes of qualifying for Nationals, the season overall was very successful. We had a strong group of freshmen who really helped the team to an undefeated dual meet record and to winning UCAA's. I feel like everyone on the team had a good time and worked well together. With the majority of women continuing on to do indoor track, the winter track season looks promising," said Hill.

As to how well Hamilton performed, there were fifty runners behind McAuliffe. "I think the season went very well. We had talented and dedicated freshmen that helped us to an undefeated dual meet season and UCAA Championship. Our fourth place finish at Regionals is up four [places] from last year and should be considered a success. I think most of the team is looking forward to an exciting track season with a great core group of distance runners." Lichtenstein added, "Even though we didn't qualify for nationals like we hoped, I think that we had a great season and everyone ran her hardest."

The runners said they had a great season, they expect similar results this winter as most of the team moves indoors.

Women's Hockey ready to get season underway

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Wesleyan, and Bowdoin.

Hamilton participates in the Division III section of the ECAC, specifically in the West division, along with Colgate, RIT and Union. The team will play each of these teams twice, along with their other opponents in Division III. Hamilton will face Union away this Saturday for their first match-up fo the season. Union is entering its first year as a Division III team, and the outlook is bright.

The team will come back early from Thanksgiving to play two games, both at the Utica Auditorium. They have a scrimmage against Bishop's of Canada, and a game against Colgate which will not count towards the team's record.

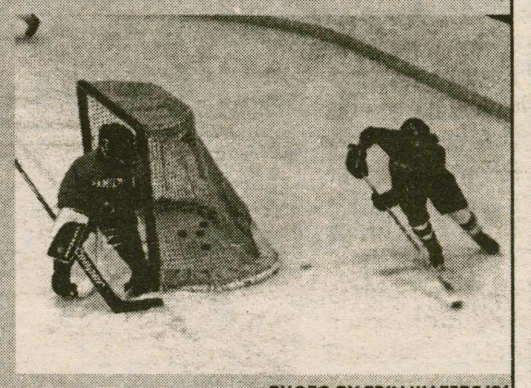

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Women's hockey hopes to improve under new head coach, Susan Reece.

They will also be returning January second from Christmas break to prepare for the four games that they will be playing before classes resume on January eighteenth.

"The Pack" leads men's cross country team to top ten finish

by Emily Hill '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross-country team ended their season on Saturday with an eighth place finish at the NCAA Regional meet at St. Lawrence University. Several of the twenty-two teams at the meet were nationally ranked, contributing to an already competitive atmosphere. It came as no shock that the running powerhouses Cortland and St. Lawrence took the top two places by a landslide victory of 52 and 74 points respectively. Plattsburgh finished in a not too distant third with 138 points. Hamilton secured a solid eighth place spot with a very commendable score of 270. Shane Tibbitts '01 remarked that while the team did not do as well as they had hoped, they still made a significant improvement over last year, when they came in 14th. Steve Guditus '01 echoed Tibbitts when he said that it was "one of the highest finishes that the Hamilton men have seen in a long time." This was due in a large part to the team's pack mentality and the strong work ethic that they maintained throughout the season. As Guditus put it, the team had a good start, and they "gradually moved up to set lots of PR's (personal records) and to work together." Finishing first for Hamilton for the second race in a row was "Downtown" Sam Brown '01. He outkicked a competitor at the line to come in 33rd place overall with a time of 27:17. Tibbitts stepped it up a notch to come in second for Hamilton with a time of 27:40.

> "We are only graduating two seniors and our top five is composed entirely of freshmen and sophomores."
>
> -- Shane Tibbitts '01

Following close behind was Mac Weiss '02, who ended his first cross-country season as third man on the team, with a time of 27:42. Scott Taylor '01, finished soon after Weiss in 28:01. Only the top seven on each team run at Regionals, so Guditus, Karl Bressler '01 and co-captain Phil Jennings '99 rounded out the Hamilton pack with times of 28:25, 28:59 and 29:05 respectively.

The future looks promising for men's cross-country in upcoming seasons. As Tibbitts pointed out, "We are only graduating two seniors and our top five is composed entirely of freshmen and sophomores."

With the added experience of this season under their belts next year, the team should look forward to continued success and improvement. Before cross-country come two seasons of track, however, and so arises the challenge of making the switch-over from running solely outdoors to running predominantly indoors in circles. The difficulty in making the switch varies widely among the men. As Taylor said, "It's finally track season."

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Squash	Women's Squash	Men's Swimming	Women's Swimming	M & W Indoor Track
Fri. Nov. 20	McMaster 7 p.m.		@ Bowdoin 7 p.m.						
Sat. Nov. 21			@ Colby 4 p.m.	@ Union 7 p.m.	@ Vasser & Tufts 1 p.m.		Hartwick/Ithaca 12 p.m.		
Sun. Nov. 22									
Mon. Nov. 23									
Tues. Nov. 24									
Wed. Nov. 25									
Thur. Nov. 26									
Fri. Nov. 27				Tournament @ Utica Aud. 12 p.m.					

Indicates Home Game Indicates Away Game

Beat the Experts

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NFL					
Colts at Bills 11/22	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills
Jaguars at Steelers 11/22	Jags	Steelers	Jags	Jags	Jags
Packers at Vikings 11/22	Packers	Packers	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Lions at Buccaneers 11/22	Lions	Lions	Buccaneers	Lions	Lions
Jets at Oilers 11/22	Oilers	Oilers	Jets	Oilers	Jets
Raiders at Broncos 11/22	Raiders	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Chiefs at Chargers 11/22	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chargers	Chiefs
Dolphins at Patriots 11/23	Dolphins	Dolphins	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
College Football					
Kansas State. at Missouri 11/21	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats	Wildcats
Kentucky at Tennessee 11/21	Wildcats	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Michigan at Ohio St. 11/21	Wolverines	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Wolverines	Wolverines
Florida at Florida St. 11/21	Seminoles	Seminoles	Gators	Seminoles	Gators

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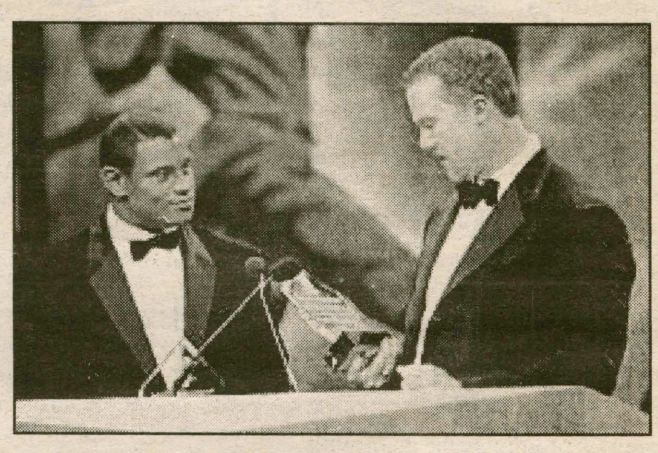
Here Comes the Groom

Dave Bolger
A View From The Bleachers

Basketball

Thank god for **Dennis Rodman**. With the NBA lockout, the professional wrestler/power forward has provided the most entertaining basketball news of the season. The flamboyant Rodman has apparently married **Carmen Electra** in Las Vegas. Two questions, 1) who wore the dress? 2) what will last longer, the marriage or the lockout.



Speaking of pro wrestlers, Rodman's nemisis, **Karl Malone** is still in the news. The Mailman now says he doesn't want to be traded. Last week Malone said on his radio show in Los Angeles that he had played his last game in Utah and he wanted to play for the Lakers. Conviently for Malone his show wasn't broadcast in Utah. Now this week on a Utah station, The Mailman said, "Karl Malone the person will not change, but the business person has done a 360-degree turn." Well guess what Karl. Dave Bolger never took you seriously to begin with. Dave Bolger suspected you were doing this to get ratings on your show, and it looks like Dave Bolger may be right.

Baseball

To all of you who complained that **Sammy Sosa** was getting the short end of the media stick during the season—SHUT UP! Sammy is the MVP and yours truly, a big time Cardinals will admit, he deserved it. He was by far the most valuable player to his team. Take **Mark McGwire** away from the Cardinals and they would be a terrible team, but guess what—they were a terrible team anyway. Its refreshing to know the writers didn't get caught up in all the hype and vote for Big Mac. Interesting to note: Mac got two first place votes. Both votes came from St. Louis writers. God bless hometown journalism.

College Football

I hate to admit it, but I was wrong. I didn't give Kansas State and credit. I thought they were overrated. I mean, my roommate won a national championship with them in Playstation (I took **Amos Zereoue** to the Heisman Trophy w/ 2,600 yards rushing) but I never thought they were any good in real life. I was one of those people that pointed to their weak schedule as the reason for success. I gave them a snowball's chance in hell of beating Nebraska. **Michael Bishop** proved me wrong. Granted they were a facemask call away from losing the game, but K-State proved to me and the football world that they are among the elite in the NCAA.

Now they could be the first team to show a fault in the Bowl Championship Series. Right now their weak schedule is holding them back at #3. They'll need a win over Texas A&M to boost their rating. But being you need a doctorate in math to figure out that BCS system, who knows what will happen.

College Basketball

I have subjected readers to my rants about Amos Zereoue for some time now, and its time you get ready for a new name: **Wally Szczerbiak**. Yeah, yeah, I know, Sports Illustrated ran a huge story on him this week. But I saw him first! I swear!

In 1995, as Zereoue finished up shattering **Jim Brown's** schoolboy football record's, Szczerbiak was beginning his assault on **Julius Erving's** basketball records on Long Island. Wally ended up breaking all of Dr. J's records, but got few looks from major schools playing on Long Island, not exactly a hot bed for basketball.

Szczerbiak ended up at Miami of Ohio and has been tearing it up for three years. Too bad nobody has noticed. Thankfully for Szczerbiak, SI has taken notice and hopefully more will take notice as the season moves on. The 6'8", 240lbs forward can jump through the roof, but has a long range touch that can't be matched. Remember the name, Wally Szczerbiak. How can you forget that name?

to/Mark Lennihan

Rugby splits at regionals

by Matt Hajduk '99
SPORTS WRITER

To say that this year's men's rugby season mirrors last year's is, perhaps, the understatement of the year. Last year Hamilton won the New York State Championship and advanced to the Northeast Regional Championship where they lost a close game to UMass-Lowell. This season would prove to be very much the same.

Last weekend the Exiles traveled to UMass-Amherst to take part in the Northeast Regional Tournament once again. Their first opponent in the four team tourney was the University of Hartford.

Like most games this year, Hamilton was able to utilize its speed and dominate the game with great play from their backline. The sight of wing Ben Myers' '00 back was something Hartford quickly got used. The speedy Myers was able to break several long runs and led the team with three trys, giving him his second hat trick in as many games.

Scrumhalf and co-captain Derek Hazard '99 played perhaps his best game as an Exile, scoring one try and setting up several others. "I've been telling Derek to run more all season, and today he did," co-captain Dave Bolger '99 said, "He's a huge reason we made it this far. He's by far the best scrumhalf in the league."

Another player who played perhaps his best game ever was outside-center Adam Kelly '99. Kelly made many big runs, scored a try, and was a force on defense. "Kels played awesome," said Hazard, "He was all over the place. It was fun was to watch."

With the backline dominating and the pack playing well as always, Hamilton was able to cruise to a 34-14 win and a birth in the Regional finals for the second year in a row. Hamilton's play impressed many spectators. New York State referee Tim Burdick watched the game from the sideline and commented, "These guys played one hell of game. They were like a big blue wave out there."

Soon after their win, the Exiles learned who their opponent would be in the finals. Once again, their opponent would be UMass-Lowell. Lowell, the defending Regional champs, earned their birth to the finals by beating Seaton Hall in a defensive struggle 5-3.

Against Lowell on Sunday, Hamilton, banged up from their game against Hartford on Saturday, quickly learned that they were going to need more than just speed to stay in the game. Lowell, a much bigger team than Hamilton, kept the ball in the pack and tried to march the ball down the field. Several times in the first half Lowell had Hamilton pinned down close to their try zone, but each time the Exiles were able to clear the ball.

After escaping Lowell charges numerous times, Hamilton finally had a breakdown and let up a try. The score was 7-0, but Hamilton still had confidence. "They were bigger, but they weren't dominating us," Hazard said, "We knew we were still in the game." After the Lowell score, the Exiles quickly moved the ball down the field and threatened to tie the score. The Lowell defense was able to turn away Hamilton however and the half ended with Lowell in the lead.

The second half started much like the first, with Lowell pounding the ball with their big pack. The were able to move the ball down the field and then let their backline exploit a Hamilton defensive breakdown to score their second try. They missed on the conversion and the score stood at 12-0.

From that point on, Hamilton took over the game. The big guys of the Exiles such as Craig Breismiester '00, Matt Kane '99, Chris Plecs '99, and Pat Hibbard '99 raised the level of their game and helped Hamilton pick up momentum. With about fifteen minutes left in the game, the Exiles pinned Lowell in their end and didn't let up. Good rucking and mauling and timely passing set up a hard run and score by inside-center Jeff Cournoyer '99. "Jeff's been coming up big for us all year, and that try put us right back in the game," Bolger said. Andrew Orzel '00 converted on the kick and Hamilton was now down 12-7 with eleven minutes remaining.

After the score, Hamilton continued to pressure the Lowell defense, and the tough play started to take its toll on the UMass players. "They were big, but they started to drop like flys," Hazard said. "After we scored they started to run around like a chicken without its head cut off."

With time winding down, the Hamilton backline was finally able to put together some offense. Derek Brand '99, Cournoyer, and Kelly hooked up with some fine passing and Hazard tried to power into the try zone. In the ensuing ruck, Hamilton was called for "hands in", a call that seemed to break the Exiles back. Shortly after the penalty, the final whistle blew and Hamilton lost to UMass for the second straight year.

Despite the loss, the team was upbeat about a good season. "We played a game against Lowell," said Plecs. "It was a fun year. I have no regrets regarding the season," he added. Wing Dan Johnson '99 echoed Plecs' sentiments saying, "This season has been unbelievable. It would have been nice to come home with the championship, but I'm proud of what we've accomplished over the last two years."

New York State League President Rich Scully perhaps summed up Hamilton's season best, "These guys had a great run. They represented their league admirably and more importantly they represented their school. Hamilton should be proud of what these guys did."

Athlete Spotlight: Robbie Peters '00

by Colin Ramsey '99
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't easy to find many bright spots in the Hamilton Continentals' disappointing 1-7 football campaign, but quarterback Robbie Peters seems to be an exception.

Peters led the Continentals to a victory in their final game against Bates last Saturday, 24-17. Completing 29 of 49 passes for 330 yards and tossing two touchdowns, Peters helped the Continentals pick up their first win of the season.

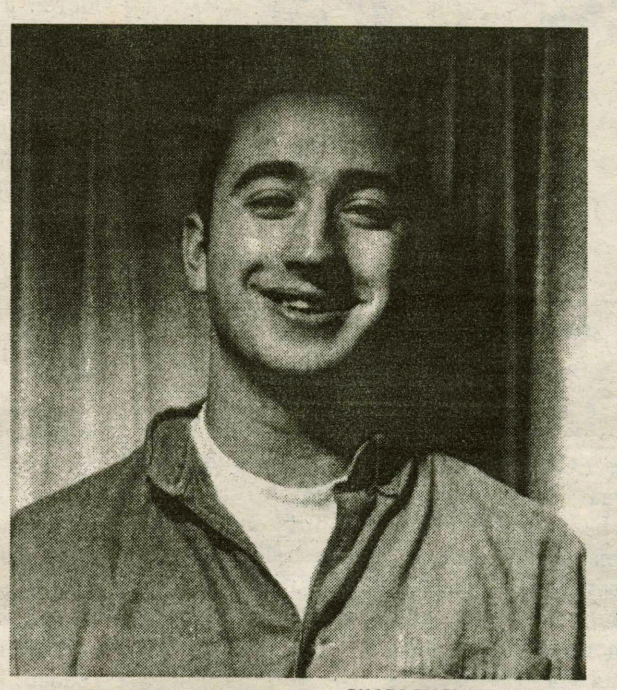
The victory was especially sweet for Peters, as the offense was not only able to move the ball, but more importantly, put points on the scoreboard. "Against Bates," Peters said, "we proved we were a better team than our record indicated.

The hardest aspect of this season has been dealing with losing, even though we knew we were a good team. We beat ourselves as much as other teams beat us, and against Bates we didn't allow that to happen."

Playing quarterback is one of the most difficult positions in all of sports, and Peters is the first to admit that the pressure can be difficult to deal with. While quarterbacks usually get the glory after a win, they are also expected to shoulder the blame after a loss.

However, while the team may not have racked up the wins, Robbie's stats throughout the season were very impressive. He led the NESCAC in both completions and yardage, threw nine touchdown passes, and ran for an additional three scores. Most impressively, his 38 completions in the team's game against Tufts set a Hamilton record.

In general, Peters has made major progress since last year in virtually every category. Whether it be his mastery of the offense, confidence on the field, or his leadership abilities, he has developed into an excellent quarterback.



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The *Spectator* Athlete Spotlight, Quarterback Robbie Peters '00.

As receiver Kelby Valenti put it, "Robbie made huge strides in understanding the offense, reading defenses, and not forcing the ball."

Moreover, throughout the season Peters refused to get down on himself or the team. As Senior linebacker Keith Riccio observed, "Robbie stayed positive and kept working hard regardless of our record. He continued to play with confidence and he was definitely one of the team's leaders."

Both Riccio and Valenti agree that next year Peters should be even better, and when this is coupled with the experience the team as a whole has gained this year, Hamilton could be a surprise in the NESCAC.

When he isn't picking apart NESCAC defenses, Peters keeps himself busy in other ways. An economics major, Peters hits the books throughout the year, and even finds time to minor in art.

He also lifts weights, participates in intramural basketball, and lifeguards near his home on Long Island during the summer.

Peters is looking forward to next season, but says he will enjoy the break for the time being. He is optimistic about next year, as the majority of the team is returning and the coaches have placed a heavy emphasis on recruiting quality players during the off-season.

"As long as we hit the weights and continue to work hard," Peters said, "We'll be a strong team next fall."

While an 8-0 season may not be in the works, Robbie promises a significant improvement. Regardless of the team's record, Robbie Peters is an asset to the football program and an asset to Hamilton.

IM HOCKEY

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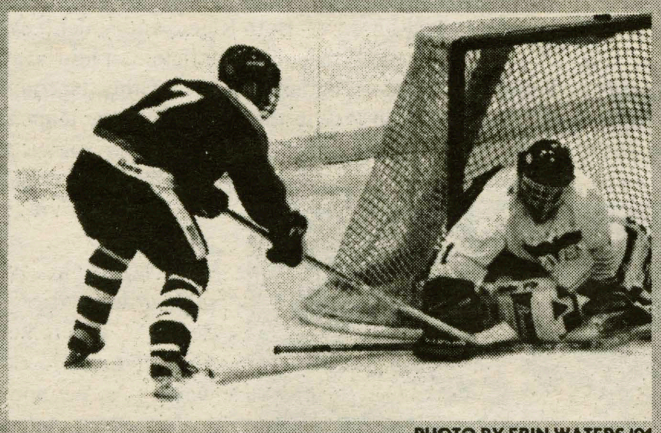
Men's hockey prepares its defense of ECAC title



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The men's ice hockey team has "a lot to look forward to" this season.

by David Zane '02
SPORTS EDITOR

After winning the ECAC championship last year, the men's ice hockey team has a lot to look forward to this year. With games against two very tough hockey teams, this weekend should be a good test for where this team is and where they are headed. Hamilton opens the regular season tonight as they travel up to Maine to play against two NESCAC rivals, Bowdoin and Colby.

Coach Phil Grady said of the trip, "These are two very tough rinks to play in, it will be us versus the house this weekend." Coach Grady acknowledges that mistakes will be made on the ice, but he said that "we must have a good road mentality and focus on our game plan, focus is the key [to victory]." Bowdoin and Bates both play different styles of hockey than Hamilton, so these games should be wars, as is normally the case when these schools lock horns.

This year's hockey squad will see a number of key returnees from last year's team. Among them are five starting seniors, Zach Sweetland '99, Trevor MacArthur '99, Rob Rigg '99, Darren Johnson '99, and the captain Brian Coakley '99. Rigg is a key player for Coach Grady as he is the teams' leading returning scorer. In addition the team will look to captain Brian Coakley for leadership on and off the ice. This leadership will be key as every team will be looking to come out and play their best against the defending ECAC Champions.

The Continentals will once again look to Brent Davey '00 and Scott Grenier '99 to split time between the pipes. Coach Grady believes in using at least two goalies because as he says, "most of our games are back-to-back, on Friday and Saturday nights, and it is really tough for the same goalie to go both nights." Grady and the players are confident in both goalies and will play with confidence regardless of who is in net.

Coach Grady's teams have always prided themselves on their depth, and this season should be no different. Grady expects to use four lines on offense. He will be looking to his "sophomore line" of Cory Dorzek '01, Victor Cizmarik '01, and Sean Smith '01, to provide leadership to the new freshman. Despite the fact that they were an all freshman line last year, they were incredible. For this reason Coach Grady has high expectations for this line. Another line to look out for includes John Manley '00, Michael Phalen '00, and Tim Canfield '02. Coach Grady will look for these and his other two lines to establish an up tempo style of play. Right winger Nicolas Potvin '02 is a rising star on this team chock full of talent. He played exceptionally well in the Buff and Blue game, the annual intersquad scrimmage before the start of the hockey season.

The one question mark on this year's squad will be its young defense, as three of the teams eight defensemen will be freshmen. Coach Grady says, "they [the defense] are not as mature as the rest of the team, but I will still play them all." He continued on to say that the defense will have to be careful and the forwards will be expected to help out on defense in order to provide some leadership for this talented, but young group of hockey players. As is always the case when new players join an established team, the key to victory for the Continentals may very well be the play of their freshman.

This team should be very exciting to watch this year as they are expected to be one of the top teams in the very competitive NESCAC conference. But, this team's goal, as Rob Rigg said after the team's landmark win in the ECAC Championship game, is to get an NCAA tournament bid. Only time will tell whether this goal will come true.

The Best things come to those who wait

Football team beats up Bates 24-17

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

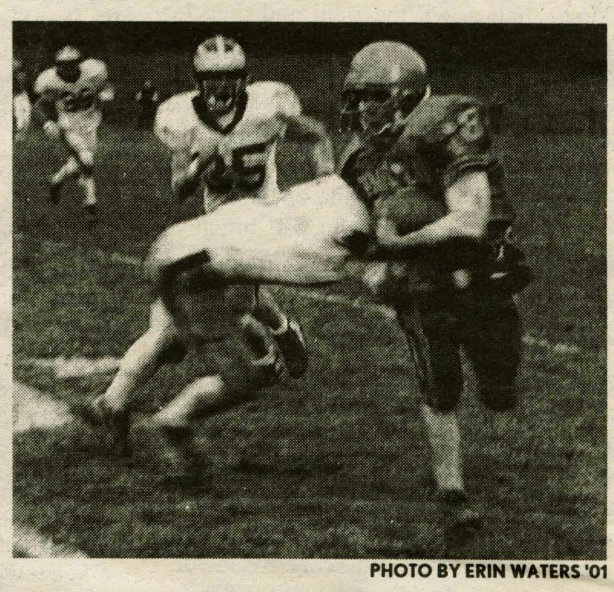
The combination of a high powered offense and a tenacious defense rallied the Hamilton Continentals to a 24-17 victory over the Bates Bobcats, snapping a seven game losing streak. "This win was huge," said defensive end and co-captain Jim Davis '99, who was happy to see the team win in the last game of his career. "As disappointing as the season was, the win makes it a lot better. It was a win before I had to stop playing. The victory was like a huge weight was lifted off our shoulders."

Tight end, best friend, and fellow co-captain Tom Carroll '99 added, "There was a feeling of elation, relief, and just about everything else. We knew we couldn't lose this game and as the game went on there was a sense of urgency to not let it slip away. Everyone had some tough times this year, but there was a lot of character on this team, and we stayed together and didn't point fingers at anyone."

Quarterback Robbie Peters '00 led the Continentals to their first win of the season by throwing for 331 yards and two touchdowns. Peters connected on 29 of 49 passes and also ran the ball 16 times against the Bobcats.

"The season was disappointing, because we could have won so many of the games that we ended up losing," Peters said. "However, everything came together in the Bates game."

A week after wide receiver Kelby Valenti '99 said he was not making the big plays this season, he delivered one of the best games of his career. Peters connected with Valenti for a 22-yard scoring strike in the third quarter which gave Hamilton the lead for good. Valenti finished with eight receptions on the day for 108 yards and one touchdown, while teammate Shawn Lyons '99 hauled in nine balls for 102 yards. Both Valenti and Lyons closed their careers with outstanding performances in the victory.



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Chris McCarthy '02 runs for his last touchdown before breaking his ankle Saturday.

The Continentals suffered a devastating injury when running back Chris McCarthy '02 broke his ankle during the first quarter. He only carried the ball five times before the season ending injury occurred. It closed out a phenomenal freshman season for McCarthy who proved he was the real deal.

But the running game was bolstered by running back Cory Malnikof '01 who ran the ball for 35 yards, including a three-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. Malnikof capped off a successful 10 play, 61 yard drive in which the Continentals blended a mix of run and pass plays. Running back Charles Martin '02 continued to be used as an effective receiver catching three balls for 46 yards. Martin was on the receiving end of the Continentals' first touchdown, when Peters found him open for an eight yard touchdown pass.

It is cliché, but offense is only half the game, and without a strong defensive effort the Continentals would not have beaten the Bobcats.

The defense played one of its best games of the season and kept the Continentals in the game early. "We held them to a field goal on their first possession and then on the following two possessions caused two fumbles on the goalline," recalled Davis. "We held them to a lot of three and outs, and everyone on the defense played real well."

Cornerback Dave Spezzano '02

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Women's Hockey looks to new coach for success

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's hockey team has been practicing hard over the past couple of weeks, getting into top form for their upcoming season. Under the tutelage of first year coach Sue Reece, the team is looking to improve upon last year's record.

Coach Reece comes to the Hill from the University of New Hampshire, where she was the assistant Women's Hockey Coach. She also is a former National Team member. She is joined by Coach Gary Labarge, student volunteer Josh "Spams" Spanburgh '00, and manager Matt Smith '99. The team consists of nineteen players, led by captains Lydia "Lancelot" Heenan '99 and Amy "Three" Williams '99.

Coach Reece stresses the depth of the team's front line, which consists of all returning players. Williams centers the front line, accompanied by Kathleen "Smooth Operator" Luben '01 and Lauren "The Utensil" Spoon '01. The defense is also solid this season, with Nell Solley '02, and Heenan as the first line blueliners. Goaltending this season is going to be up for grabs, with the team boasting four netkeepers: Andrea "Shutout" Cecchinato '01, Putney "Puckmaster" Haley '01, Lorena "The Wall" Gonzalez '02, and Christine "No Fear" Capeless '02. With this strong group of gals, Coach Reece has a strong outlook, "I think that we will definitely be able to improve upon last season's record. The team is working well together, and I am feeling very positive about their abilities." Tough opponents this season will be perennial powerhouses Middlebury, Williams, RPI,

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